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NO HITCH.

KWANGSI FORCES NEAR CANTON.

AWAIT MAIN STRENGTH.

Withdrawal of the Papersides To Honam.

POLICE & GENDARMES KEEPING LAW & ORDER IN CANTON CITY.

No hitch is apparent in the steps being taken at present by the Kwangsi faction to restore themselves to power in Canton, although delay has been occasioned by orders to wait until the main strength of the expedition down the West River is assembled at Samshui.

Political experts predict that the interregnum at Canton will be ended by New Year's Day at the latest. As the Ironsides have evacuated, and the Papersides have withdrawn to Honam to prove their good faith with the Kwangsi faction, Police and gendarmes are keeping order.

POOR TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

Neither the 13th division of Kwangsi troops at Kongmoon nor the expedition from Wuchow has made the last jump on Canton yet although no opposition is in the way.

Colonel Lau Chee-kwong, late of the Cantonese Army, informs the "China Mail" that poor transport facilities are holding up the Kwangsi troops on the West River.

When the expedition is concentrated at Samshui, 40 miles west of Canton, a big force will be sent along the railway to Canton to take over control.

Meanwhile the Kwangsi leaders, says Colonel Lau, have been in negotiation with the Yunnanese mercenaries who were called upon by the Ironsides for help.

Balance of Power.

The "China Mail" political correspondent learns that the Ironsides decided to give up Canton without a fight because pressure was brought to bear on them by General Li Fook-lum, the commander of the Papersides.

The balance of power lay with the Papersides who helped in overthrowing the Kwangsi faction last month but last week, when they heard the Kwangsi troops were coming back along the West River, they conveyed to the Ironsides an intimation that they would not take part in any campaign.

As the Ironsides were outnumbered, they preferred to leave.

Several Possibilities.

Allegations have been made that the Ironsides took away with them all the available funds from the government offices under their control.

Current rumours still persist that they will soon be in action in the eastern part of Kwangtung province, it being stated that war is inevitable between them and the Kwangsi army at Swatow.

Observers state that the Ironsides are still posted along the East River, about 60 miles from Canton.

One of their leaders advocates cleaning up the Soviet hordes in the hinterland of Bias Bay but there are indications that the Ironsides will hold on for some time.

Compromise Possible.

In spite of other influences being at work and General Chiang Kai-shek scheming to regain indirect control of Kwangtung, the Ironsides may compromise with their enemies, the Kwangsi troops.

If pressed, the Ironsides will march north. However, the Kwangsi faction has not enough troops at present for the dual duty of guarding Canton and following up the Ironsides.

Canton's merchants are still anxiously awaiting the arrival of General Li Chai-sum and General Wong Shu-hung, two of the big four of the Kwangsi faction, because they did show some ability to govern when they were in power.

POSSIBLE INVASION.

Kwangsi Troops Collect Fleet at Kongmoon.

Kongmoon, Yesterday.

The city is now in the hands

INDIA'S PROBLEMS.

Home Rule Declared Unnecessary.

"DEPRESSED CLASSES."

Bombay Liberals Oppose Boycott Of Commission.

Allahabad, Yesterday. Home Rule is not necessary for the removal of their social and religious hardships, declared the President of the All India Depressed Classes Conference. On the other hand, he contended that Home Rule in India would mean the tightening of the slavery of the depressed classes. The President opposed the boycott of the Statutory Commission.

Diverse Views. Bombay, Yesterday. The National Liberal Federation unanimously adopted a resolution that the Legislatures and all Indians should boycott the Statutory Commission. Nevertheless the Bengal Liberals telegraphed opposing the boycott. Reuter.

A Protest. Madras, Yesterday. The Indian Commercial and Industrial Congress Subjects Committee unanimously adopted a resolution in favour of boycotting the Simon Commission and calling on constituent organisations to decline to give evidence before the Commission as a protest against the exclusion of Indians therefrom.

Swaraj Constitution. The concluding session of the National Congress adopted a resolution authorising the Working Committee to confer with Committees of other organisations to draft a Swaraj Constitution which is to be considered by the Convention in Delhi not later than March, consisting of members of the All India Congress Committee. Representatives of various organisations will be consulted, also elected members of the Central and Provincial Legislatures. Reuter.

MAN OF MYSTERY.

FOREIGNER FOUND IN YAUMATI FLAT.

IDENTITY NOT KNOWN.

Believed to be insane, a European from whom no information could be had other than that he is a Frenchman, was yesterday found by the police in an empty Chinese flat on the first floor of No. 314, Reclamation Street, Yaumati.

Several windows in the flat were broken, and the place was littered with broken glass. The mysterious man was suffering from a serious cut in his left hand, which appeared to have been caused by putting it through a pane of glass.

How the man gained access to the flat, how long he had been there, or where he had come from is not known, as the man could not or would not give any information about himself.

As there has been no report made to the Police about any foreigner being missing, there is no clue whereby the man's identity can be established.

The Police first removed him to the Kowloon Hospital. After the injury to his hand had been attended to, he was transferred to the Government Civil Hospital, where he is now undergoing observation as to the state of his mind.

FIRE ENGINE SKIDS.

NATHAN ROAD MISHAP: NO CASUALTIES.

Just after two o'clock this afternoon excitement was caused in Nathan Road, Kowloon, when a fire engine, just at the corner of Moody Road, moving at a fairly fast speed, skidded on the wet pavement and swung right across the road, colliding with a lamp standard. In the middle of the thoroughfare. The standard was smashed and the front of the fire engine slightly damaged. There were no casualties though the driver of the engine was shaken.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

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FLYING SHIPS.

Largest Passenger Boats Ever Built.

LAUNCHING IN JANUARY.

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London, Yesterday. The largest passenger flying ships ever built in Great Britain—two 16-seater short Jupiter flying boats—will be launched at Rochester early in the New Year. They have been developed from the flyingboat in which Sir Alan

"IMPROVING LATER."

Better Weather Coming—Official.

North-east winds, fresh, overcast, mist; drizzles at first, improving later, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

The depression has developed into a typhoon and is now central over N.E. Japan. The anticyclone has strengthened further and is central over the lower Yangtze Valley. A strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Cobham is at present making his African flight.

They are all-metal and will carry three of a crew and 15 passengers, with a refreshment buffet with ice chests and a cooking stove.

They will be used on marine sections of 10,000 miles on the England-Australia Empire Airway. Reuter.

FRENCH FLIGHT.

"GEORGES GUYNEMER" AT RAYAK.

Beirut, Yesterday. The aeroplane "Georges Guynemer" landed at Rayak, stopping there for a time on instructions from the French War Ministry, but resuming its flight later.

"DAWN" FLIGHT.

REPORT OF WIRELESS MESSAGE.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Yesterday. The suggestion that the aeroplane "Dawn" may have landed



Mrs. F. Grayson who is on the "Dawn."

somewhere in eastern Newfoundland appears to be made in the report of Mr. Hilliard, an operator at the Anglo-American cable station "Heart's Content," to the effect that yesterday evening he heard the wireless message: "Where are we? Can you locate us?"

The message was very strong. It was repeated frequently and was signed WPV, the second letter being mutilated. WMV is the call sign of the "Dawn."

Search Fruitless. Lakehurst (New Jersey), Yesterday. The airship "Los Angeles" has returned after 31 hours' most thorough but fruitless search of the aeroplane "Dawn." Reuter.

SHIPPING WAR.

Freight Cuts From Calcutta.

"PARED TO THE BONE."

Use of the American Taxpayer's Money.

New York, Yesterday. The Shipping Board's bid for a larger share of the freight from Calcutta has been met by a reduction in cargo rates by the Cunard-Brocklebank Line.

It is believed that the Ellerman-Bucknall Line will make a similar cut before January 1.

Judging by a statement by Mr. Plummer, the Board's Traffic Commissioner, the rates will be pared to the bone, if necessary, but a further reduction in the Board's rate will necessitate the use of special emergency funds provided by the Government for use where foreign lines "threaten" a rate war, and a rate war, involving the use of the taxpayer's money will probably meet with popular disapproval.

Moreover, as the Isthmian Line, one of the factors in the Calcutta trade is owned by the United States Steel Corporation, such a war would mean the use of Government funds against the trade of a private American Corporation. Reuter.

NOTICE IGNORED.

CLOSET IN SERVANTS' QUARTERS.

OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Mr. D. H. Cooper appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, to answer a summons brought by Sanitary Inspector Sheriff charging that the defendant had disregarded a notice served on him to clean the water closet in the servants' quarters in a block of flats situated in Tregunter Path.

The defendant was given 48 hours in which to comply with the notice, on December 14, but nothing was done when the time limit expired on the 16th. The Inspector also told the Magistrate that he again visited the place at 9.15 this morning, before coming to Court, and the closet was in the same dirty condition it was in before the notice was served on the defendant.

Mr. Cooper who said that he was the representative of Aratoon V. Apar, the owner of the building, said that as soon as he received the notice, he had ordered the closet to be cleaned and had also circularised his tenants on the matter. He had received a report from the tenants that they were satisfied that the closet was clean, and his caretaker had also told him that it was quite clean, and he (Mr. Cooper) had relied on the reports he had received. However, he volunteered to go to the place himself if the Magistrate would postpone the case.

The Magistrate remarked that the landlord had a personal responsibility to see that the instructions were carried out, and he had failed to do so in this case.

A fine of \$10 was imposed, and an order was made for the closet to be thoroughly cleaned within 48 hours.

FIGHT ON WHARF.

SIKH WATCHMAN IN TROUBLE.

SLUMBERER DISTURBED.

A Sikh watchman named Mangal Singh employed on the Tai Hing wharf was this morning charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with assaulting a wharf coolie on December 22.

According to the coolie as dawn was breaking on the day in question, he went around the wharf waking up the other coolies, and this resulted in the accused's sleep being broken.

Without warning, the accused suddenly rushed at the witness armed with a stick in one hand and a pole in the other. He was struck on the head with the stick, receiving a wound on account of which he had to be in the hospital for four days.

The accused's version was that the complainant was gambling with other coolies, and he merely chased them off the wharf. He did not strike the complainant or any other coolie.

The Magistrate convicted the accused and fined him \$50, at the same time ordering him to pay a compensation of \$25 to the complainant.

BREAKERS AHEAD.

INTRIGUE AMONG NATIONALISTS.

PESSIMISTIC REPORTS.

Southerners Easing Up in War on Peking.

NORTHERNERS STEADILY LOSING GROUND AGAINST SHANSI.

Breakers ahead for the Chinese Nationalist ship of state are indicated in pessimistic reports to hand in connection with disputes at Shanghai and Nanking arising out of political intrigue.

None of the factions in the North seems to be working conspicuously at the moment, each being beset in turn by difficulties. The Nationalists have had to ease up in the war against Peking, the Peking Government is losing in the campaign against Shansi, an eye has still to be kept on Russia, but the "Christian General" alone seems to have gained influence.

FENG GAINS INFLUENCE.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The resignation of Mr. Sun Fo, Minister, and Chang Hung-nien, Vice-Minister of Finance, which is attributed to attacks from the Chekiang Legislatures, also the departure of Wang Chong-huei to the Hague and the repeated rumours that C. C. Wu is resigning, presages the recasting of the Nanking Government. Probably T. V. Soong will take the portfolio and C. T. Wang or Hwang Fu that of Foreign Affairs, while H. H. Kung, brother-in-law to Sun Yat-sen and ex-Chairman of the Y.M.C.A., Taiyuanfu, is expected to receive a portfolio. The new Cabinet will show the importance of Feng Yu-hsiang's (the "Christian General") influence, while marking the breaking up of the Kuomintang.

It is learned from Nanking that the Central Special Committee of the Kuomintang formally dissolved to-day. Reuter.

New Foreign Minister?

Shanghai, Yesterday. It is rumoured here that C. C. Wu may resign his portfolio of Minister of Foreign Affairs and that Dr. C. T. Wang may succeed him. Internal trouble in the ranks of the Kuomintang is said to be responsible for this likely change. British Naval Wireless.

GIVE UP PEKING?

Political & War Developments in the North.

General Yen Hsi-shan, who is an ally of the Nationalists, and is at war with the Fengtien faction of Peking (also referred to as the Ankuochun) has reported to the Nanking Government that Peking is fitting out five new army corps to be equipped with 40,000 new rifles due shortly from Italy. Accordingly, says the Chinese cable, he suggests an early concerted attack on the Peking troops.

The "Kung Sheung Yat Po" learns that operations along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway (where the Nationalists have been victorious against Peking) have eased off during the last few days.

However, there are important developments elsewhere.

Tactics Changed.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") is said to have changed tactics; and that his army will be withdrawn westwards to the Peking-Hankow Railway (instead of in alignment with the Nationalists on the Tientsin-Pukow line) to march north in a direction in which he was unsuccessful before.

According to a despatch from Nanking, Marshal Chang Tso-lin is willing to give up Peking and to hand it over to ex-President Tuan Chi-jui, but he is opposed by his chief of staff.

TO WITHDRAW.

Peking Troops Reported to Be in Difficulties.

Peking, Yesterday. Reports from responsible Chinese circles state that an important Military Conference will shortly be held at the Peking Palace.

quarters at which a proposal to withdraw all forces from Shansi will be discussed.

It is stated that all the troops attacking Shansi are likely to be withdrawn from the railway region for three reasons:—

1.—The serious position of the Ankuochun in Shantung.

2.—The extreme difficulty in getting ammunition and supplies to the troops in the mountainous districts during the winter months.

3.—The unexpected strength of the Shansi defences, which can only be broken down at the biggest sacrifice.

The reports add that it is expected that the Fengtienese will withdraw to Tatung, Pingkuan and Shihchiachwang, north, east and south, respectively.

The fact that arrangements are being made for the return of the officers' families to Peking from the Shansi fronts is significant. Reuter.

TERMS FOR PEACE.

Peking Keeps An Eye on Russia.

Peking, Dec. 18. General Yen Hsi-shan, tupan of Shansi province, is reported to have made overtures to Marshal Chang Tso-lin for the cessation of hostilities on condition that the Fengtien armies do not encroach upon the border of Shansi. It is learned on good authority that General Yang Yu-tung, on behalf of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, has replied to the Shansi faction, setting forth the following terms:—

1.—General Yen Hsi-shan shall officially express his regret and sue for peace.

2.—Shansi shall obey the orders of the Central Government.

3.—As it is necessary for the Fengtien armies to cut the communication between Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and Soviet Russia, Shansi shall approve the stationing of Fengtien troops in Tatung. Toho (delayed by interruption).

DANGER OF PIRACY.

British Gunboat Guards Grounded Steamer.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Owing to the silting of the middle stretch of the Yangtze River, a steamer has gone ashore about 30 miles above Chengliu (a pirate-infested zone). A British naval vessel is standing by. British Naval Wireless.

NEW CHIEF.

Superintendent of Customs at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Finance Ministry has appointed Admiral Li Chih-hai Superintendent of Customs at Shanghai in succession to Ho Chih-chi, who becomes Assistant Director of the Customs Administration.

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THIS MORNING'S LIST.

City of Pekin (4,426) British, from Dunkirk, Singapore, Bank Line—450 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,000 tons general (through).

Chenau (1,355) British, from Canton, B. & S.—56 passengers, 5 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 53 tons general (through).
St. Albans (2,538) British, from Yokohama, Moji, — Mckinpin, Mackenzie—3 passengers, 1,100 tons general cargo (through).

Prosper (1,377) Norwegian, from Saigon, — Fau Yuen Hong—257 passengers, 2,200 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Kaitau Maru (906) Japanese, from Macao, — M. S. K.
Daigun Maru (1,318) Japanese, from Wakamatsu, — Sato & Co.

Sungshan Maru (1,503) Japanese, from Shanghai, Swatow, — N. Y. K.—148 passengers, 211 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 764 tons general (through).

Sungshan (1,503) Japanese, from Canton, — N. Y. K.—186 passengers, 50 tons general cargo (through).

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao, — Hoo Hing—65 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hung On (2,097) Chinese, from Canton, — Wing Hong & Co.—200 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Tong Lee (882) Chinese, from Taingtau, — Yee Tai Hong—800 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Chian Lee (1,860) Chinese, from Chefoo, — Ching Kee.

Chung Hing (249) Chinese, from K. C. Wan, — Hong On—85 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tonger (1,949) Norwegian, from Canton, — Dodwell & Co.

Departures.

For Swatow: — Van Heutz, Deli Maru.

For Hongay: — Hung On.
For Autau: — Tak Hing.

For Canton: — Fooking, Chinghua, Huichow.

For Shanghai: — Kamo Maru, Kaitau Maru, Hua Lee No. 1.

For Macao: — Tak Hing.
For Mohow: — Dewawongsi.

For K. C. Wan: — Yanon.
For Singapore: — Sevele.

Clearances.

For Canton: — Ryoho Maru, Yei-jun Maru.

For Shanghai: — Chenan.
For Bangkok: — Fingal.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals.	Departures.	In
British 3	3	25
Japanese 4	3	4
Norwegian 2	1	8
Chinese 5	6	20
Dutch 0	1	5
American 0	0	1
Panama 0	0	1
German 0	0	1
Portuguese 0	0	2
French 0	0	1
14	14	68

The M.V. s.s. "Ceylon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Immingham on December 23, and is due here on or about February 5.

LIFEBOAT "V.C.S."

ANGLESEY CREW HONOURS.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has awarded its gold medal, the Victoria Cross of the lifeboat service, to Captain Jones and Second Coxswain William Roberts, of Moelfre, in Anglesey, and the bronze medal to each member of the Moelfre lifeboat crew, for a service in which the greatest gallantry was shown in the face of the gravest danger.

This service took place during the terrible gales at the end of October, the lifeboat being out nearly the whole night of the 28th, when the gale was at its height. She rescued the crew of the ketch "Excel," and struggled, waterlogged, against the gale throughout the night. Two men died on board her, one of the crew of the ketch, from injuries which he had received when being rescued, and one of the lifeboat's crew from exposure. After reaching shore the second coxswain, who had been at the tiller all the time, was completely blind for several hours from the salt water, wind, and terrible strain of that unrelaxing watch through the whole night.

SMART RUN HOME.

The Blue Funnel Line has always believed in fast cargo ships, and certainly its experience in the years following the Armistice has fully justified its faith in spite of the extra expenditure involved. The steamer "Trelus," a ship of 7,648 tons, built shortly after the war, has just done the passage home from Melbourne to Dunkirk in a time of 31 days 8 hours, which is believed to be a record for a cargo ship. The passage from Melbourne to Port Said was done without a stop, and, of course, the ship was favoured with good weather. But in spite of all favourable circumstances it was a splendid performance. Yet it passes almost unnoticed, while had anything proportionately good been made in the old sailing-ship days it would have aroused excited comment.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Hong Kong on December 7, arrived at Vancouver on December 25.

The P. & O. s.s. "Delta" left Singapore for this port on December 20 at 6 a.m. with the outward mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 4 p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" leaves Hong Kong for Manila on December 30 at 5 p.m.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.

The M.V. "Viminale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 6, and is due here on January 6, 1928.

The M.V. s.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here on or about January 5.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

At the ordinary general meeting of the British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., held at the company's offices on December 14, at 10.40 a.m., the directors, after providing for the dividends on the 5 and 5½ per cent. preference stocks (less income-tax) recommended a dividend on the ordinary shares at 4 per cent. for the six months (free of income-tax), making, with the interim dividend of 4 per cent. paid in May, a total distribution on the ordinary shares at 8 per cent. for the year ended September 30, India General Navigation and Railway Co., Ltd.

Interim dividend of 2½ per cent. on the ordinary shares and 2½ per cent. on the preference shares of this company, both free of income-tax, has been declared, payable on Nov. 25.

John I. Thornycroft and Co. The directors have issued a statement to the effect that the accounts for the year ended July 31 last have been made up, and, in addition to the dividends on the Preference and Preferred Ordinary, they recommend a dividend on the Ordinaries of 6 per cent., double that of the previous year, carrying forward £51,670 against £51,293 general in.

DEMAND FOR MEN.

MERSEYSIDE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER.

According to the "Ministry of Labour Gazette," the demand for dockers on Merseyside during October was generally slack, and for seamen moderate to fair. There was a decrease of 3,556 in the number of seamen shipped in British registered foreign-going vessels from Liverpool, Birkenhead and Garston, compared with September. The total number shipped last month was 12,000, or 236 more than in October, 1926.

The average weekly number of dock labourers registered at the clearing houses under the Liverpool docks scheme as employed in the four weeks ended October 28, was 15,002, compared with 14,552 in September, and with 15,964 in October, 1926. The average weekly amount of wages paid to these men through the clearing houses was £40,428 in the four weeks ended October 28, compared with £39,833 in September, and with £45,218 in October, 1926.

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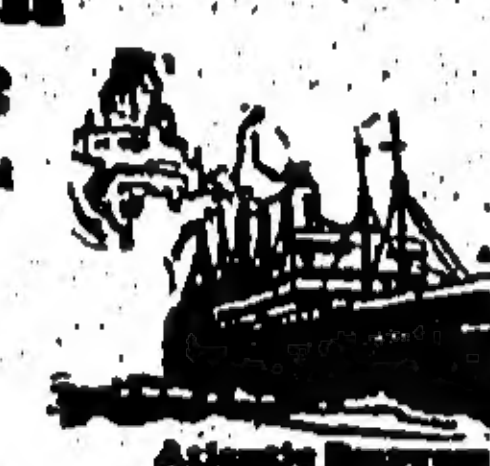
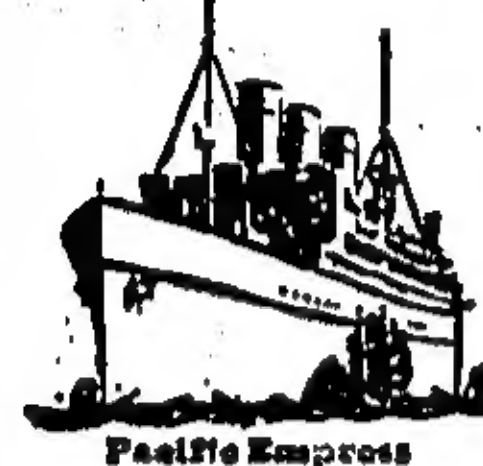


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THE RED TERROR.

Once again has the British Navy vindicated itself. By its opportune rescue of a party of priests and nuns it has added to the lustre which has more than upheld the highest traditions of the Navy in China waters. The official story of the rescue by the destroyer "Seraph" is told in a British wireless message from Rugby. Combined with other accounts, it is clear that the party of missionaries at Swabue had a miraculous escape from execution at the hands of the Red terrorists—and perhaps something worse than execution. No grimmer narrative than that of the Reds' outrages has reached here for many a long day. Coupled with the fiendish incidents at Canton the Chinese have been given a taste of Soviet "rule" that they shall remember for many a year and make them regret that they ever permitted relations with Borodin and Co. to develop so far in Canton before the Northern expedition set out with the object of conquering the whole country and bringing it under the Nationalist sway.

It has again been made quite clear that the Communists are at heart ardent bullies. In sole control of Swabue they terrorised as they pleased, executing Chinese Christians and torturing people on a wholesale scale. When, however, H.M.S. "Seraph" hove in sight the usual bluster was indulged in by the Communists even "protesting" against the presence of a British warship in Chinese waters! Their bravado did not last long, for when it was seen that the "Seraph" would stand "no damned nonsense" the party of priests and nuns were soon

handed over, including the Father who was born in this Colony. One of the priests has stated that the Communists at Swabue are mostly of the peasant type, ardent cowards at heart, though bullies, and they would have quickly taken to their heels if the "Seraph" had landed a party of naval men. Before running away, however, it is more than possible that they would have put the whole of the priests and nuns to death.

It is a thousand pities that the North and the South cannot compose their differences and concentrate on a united campaign against the Red terrorists throughout the country. The Chinese leaders in both camps have a serious responsibility not alone toward their unhappy nationals but toward the whole of the civilised world. But they do not realise it. By the time they wake up to their obvious duty there is no predicting what appalling excesses will be committed by the Red terrorists not alone in the Swabue district but throughout the whole land where neither the Northern nor the Southern Governments is strong enough at present to maintain peace and order.

ORGANIST WEDDED.

CEREMONY AT KOWLOON YESTERDAY.

BALDWIN—ANDREWS.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a wedding of general local interest yesterday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr. Rupert Baldwin, organist of the Church, and son of Mr. Charles Baldwin, M.B.E., and Mrs. Baldwin, of Sheerness, Kent, and Miss Winifred Edith Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Andrews, of Sheerness, Kent. The Rev. W. Walton Rogers, M.A., officiated.

The bride wore a gown of white georgette and veil, with silk embroidery and a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses. In attendance were the Misses Peggy and Betty Jeffreys, who wore dresses of pale blue crepe-de-chine, trimmed with cream aca lace. They also wore Dutch caps trimmed with pale blue and pink rosebuds and carried baskets of pink and white roses, and sweet peas. The duties of "best man" were discharged by Mr. J. W. Baldwin (brother of the bridegroom). Following the ceremony at St. Andrew's Church, a reception was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, adjoining, and later Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin left for their honeymoon, which is being spent at "The Bungalow," Shatin. The bride went away in a beige costume and

CHRISTIE CASE.

POLICE RESERVED REPEATS EVIDENCE.

OIL OR MORPHIA?

Yesterday afternoon Major C. Willson heard further evidence in the case in which James Christie and Christopher Blum are charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud a Chinese Police Reservist who posed as a prospective purchaser in an alleged morphia deal. Evidence given by the Reservist (Au Young) was a repetition of his previous testimony given before Mr. R. E. Lindsell who discharged the accused on a count of undertaking to procure and supply morphia.

Cross-examined by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask for the defence, this witness agreed that Blum was silent at the various interviews he and Haynes had with Christie, and took no part in the conversation. Before his interviews with Christie, witness had been given full particulars of the nature of the deal and went with Haynes with the expectation that some sort of drug would be offered to him. The first question Christie asked him was "You want morphia," and after that although "morph" was never mentioned again, it being referred to as the "cargo," goods or "stuff," the witness understood all along that morphia was the subject of the discussions. The name of Thatcher and Company, as oil dealers, was never mentioned at any of the interviews. The word "oil" was also never spoken either in English by Christie or in Chinese by Mr. Kay, who acted as interpreter.

Witness said that out of the three brands of morphia mentioned by Christie he remembered only "Swiss," because that was the name of a place and he could easily remember it. When he asked for sample of the drug, Christie said that it was not necessary as after the stuff arrived the witness could, before taking delivery, test it with water, acid or in any other way he liked. Witness did not know if these tests could be applied to oil. In re-examination by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Investigation, the witness said that afterward he had a discussion with Mr. King and Mr. H. A. Taylor, of the Import and Export Office, and received necessary information relating to morphia and morphia traffic.

Leslie Ernest Haynes also gave evidence similar to that given during the hearing of the earlier charge against the accused. He told the Court that at his first interview with Christie in the lounge of the King Edward Hotel in September this year Christie invited the witness to his room at No. 5 Victoria Gardens. When he called, Christie asked the witness if he would meet a certain Chinese and pose as the man from Saigon in an arms deal.

Haynes added: "It would be worth a thousand dollars for me. He told me of the quantity and kinds of arms, which I wished to record in my notes. I made an excuse of going to the lavatory, and made notes when I was outside."

Proceeding, Haynes said that subsequently the conversation switched to heroin but he gave no definite undertaking with regard to either of the propositions placed before him by Christie. At the next meeting Christie definitely came out with an offer to sell morphia. Later Christie told him about the office at No. 480 Nathan Road, and asked him to go there in future, as the business was too dangerous to transact at Victoria Gardens. It was here that witness introduced Au Young as the prospective buyer, and Karim Din or Mr. Kay was brought into the deal as Chinese interpreter. It was also at this address that the accused were arrested by the Police. The hearing was adjourned.

CHATER PICTURES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTIONS.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow afternoon the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will ask the following questions:

Have the Government on behalf of the Colony of Hong Kong, recently received a gift of a valuable collection of pictures and prints of Hong Kong, and the Far East, in accordance with the wishes of the late Sir Catchick Paul Chater, and by the generosity of the Armenian Holy Church of Nazareth at Calcutta?

If yes, what steps are the Government taking to preserve the collection for the Colony of Hong Kong, where will the same be housed, and on what conditions, pending the provision of a permanent repository for the same?

Have the Government a scheme for a permanent repository

FAKED TRADE MARK

TROUBLE OVER CIGAR LABELS.

A SETTLEMENT.

Mr. M. M. Watson, representing the El Oriente Cigar Factory of Manila, whose China agent is Mr. Isaac Delbourgo, of No. 9 Foochow Road, Shanghai, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning in connection with a case in which the Cheong On firm of No. 122, Wellington Street are charged with possessing and exposing for sale "Vitas" cigars which bear an alleged false trade description and trade mark.

Mr. Watson said that the cigars complained of, which were not manufactured by the complainants, were sold in packets of five in which were affixed labels so much resembling the El Oriente "Helios" cigar labels that they infringed the El Oriente trade mark.

Since the summons was taken out, Counsel proceeded, the defendants had agreed to pay the costs of the proceedings and publish an apology in two Chinese newspapers for a period of one month, and in the circumstances, with his Worship's approval, the complainants were prepared to withdraw the summons.

Labels Copied. Proceeding, Mr. Watson said that 3,000 cigars were seized in the defendants' premises, and these would be returned to them after all the labels complained of had been removed. The defendants were also required to hand over to the police any other labels of a similar description which they might have in their possession.

Mr. Watson also commented that the defendants even went so far as to copy the American export labels used for the exportation of El Oriente cigars from Manila, but the prosecution was not concerned with the infringement of these labels.

Counsel added that three Chinese firms were selling cigars in such false labels, and he hoped that the publication of this case would cause the other two firms to remove the offending labels, otherwise proceedings would have to be taken against them also.

The defendants' representative having agreed to a settlement as detailed by Mr. Watson, the Magistrate gave his consent for the summons to be withdrawn.

£8,000,000 BRIDE.

WEDDING OF OIL KING'S DAUGHTER.

New York, Nov. 8. Miss Millicent Rogers, the daughter and heiress of Colonel H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil multi-millionaire, and formerly the wife of Count Salm von Hoogstraaten, the Austrian tennis player, was married yesterday to Senor Arturo Ramos, a member of a wealthy Argentine family.

The ceremony, which was performed by Father Kelly, in the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, at Southampton, Long Island, was attended by the bride's three-year-old son and a few relatives. The bride is a Protestant and the groom a Roman Catholic.

First Marriage. A dispensation for the marriage was issued by Roman Catholic officials, and the fact of the bride having divorced her former husband was overcome, because the Roman Catholic Church does not recognise her first marriage, as Count Salm's first wife is still living, and, also, the marriage was only a civil ceremony.

No reception followed the wedding, and the couple will sail for South America on Thursday. It is reported that Colonel Rogers gave a trust fund of \$100,000 as a wedding present.

The wealth of Colonel H. H. Rogers is estimated at \$8,000,000.

DEAD WAR CHIEF.

SIR HENRY WILSON'S SNEERS AT NAVAL DIVISION.

London, Nov. 14. "The arch-enemy" to the Dardanelles was the description of the late Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson given by General Sir Ian Hamilton, addressing the Royal Naval Division Officers' Association at Piccadilly on Saturday night.

"When you went first to try, at imminent danger to your lives, to help Wilson and his C-in-C, by your diversion at Anvers," said Sir Ian, "Wilson wrote decisively: 'There are Winston's Marines, who have given us much amusement. There is that splendid Territorial Army of ours, which I have seen and which have for years said: could put up a superb fight, then why should Anvers fail?'"

Sir Ian added: "On July 17, 1915, Wilson goes to see Foch: he tells him the latest Dardanelles news, adding the terrible remark that a success would be a disaster. 'In every way constantly he makes it his business to go round and try to ruin us,' he said, 'holding a high appointment on the staff of the British Commander-in-Chief.'"

'PRAPS-'PRAPS NOT!

The rain comes naturally after a very "wet" Christmas.

Small Boy (to butcher): Please, Mr. Jones, mother wants two pounds of chops, and she says not to mix any mustard with the price.

"What makes you think you would make a good nurse," Dolly asked her auntie. "What do you know about babies?"

"Oh, a lot, auntie," said Dolly. "I was a baby myself once."

Artist: This is my masterpiece. Ten thousand wouldn't buy it.

Friend: I'm one of the ten thousand!

Wife: What did the foreman say when you accidentally hit him on the head with a brick?

Husband: I could not hear for the rest of the mob cheering.

Said a lawyer to a countryman one day, "If you promise to give me a guinea, I shall teach you so to plead as to be always successful with your case."

"I promise you," replied the countryman.

"Well, then," said the lawyer, "always deny, and you'll come off victorious; so down with my fee, as you promised."

To which the countryman retorted, "I deny to have promised you a fee."

An amusing story is told of a mother who was the proud possessor of twin girls, who were so much alike that it was almost impossible to distinguish them apart. One night when they had been bathed and put to bed, she heard a sound of laughter coming from their bedroom, and at once went to inquire the cause. "What are you laughing at?" she asked. "Oh, nothing," replied Edith, one of the twins; "only you have given me two baths to-night and Alice none at all."

"Do you so love him that you could die for him?" asked a splinter of a young lady of whose engagement she had just heard.

"No; but I love him well enough to live with him!" was the bright reply.

"You see," says a working man, "my wife's a curious woman. She skimped and saved and almost starved all of us to get the parlour furnished nice, and now she won't have any of us go into it, and hasn't even had the window blinds of it open for a month. She is a curious woman."

Teacher (in class): "In this stanza what is meant by 'The shades of night were falling fast'?"

Bright Scholar: "The people were pulling down the blinds."

An amateur was inspecting some pictures by Poussin, and found a great deal to blame in one which represents a marriage ceremony. "Oh, I see!" he exclaimed, "that it is difficult to make a good marriage even in a picture."

An actress was contemplating purchase of a car. "I can recommend this make, madam," said the salesman; "it glides along so quietly and smoothly that no one notices it."

"Good heavens, no," said the stage lady. "Show me another."

"Stop!" cried the porter, as the pleasure steamer was about to leave the pier. "There's a party of about seventy coming."

The vessel was backed into the wharf again, ropes were made fast, and three gangways were placed into position. An old lady then climbed slowly aboard.

Young man (taking singing lessons): "Do you think I could use my voice in public now?"

Disheartened Professor: "Oh, I suppose so. You might cheer when the King goes by."

Worried-looking Man (to registrar's clerk): "Are you sure it was a marriage licence you gave me last month?"

Clerk: "Of course, Why?"

Worried-looking Man: "Well, I've lived a dog's life ever since!"

Parson (to little boy playing marbles): "Which is the way to the Rectory, Johnny?"

Little Boy: "How do you know my name's Johnny?"

Parson: "Why, I guessed it, my little man."

Little Boy: "Then guess your blinking way to the Rectory."

My Dear, said the old man, tenderly, to-day is our diamond wedding day, and I have a little surprise for you. You see, this engagement ring I gave you sixty years ago!"

"Yes," said the expectant old lady.

"Well, I paid the final instalment on it to-day, and I am proud

PRIESTS RESCUED.

OFFICIAL MESSAGE
FROM HOME.

"SERAPH'S" GOOD WORK.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The British warship "Seraph" has rescued from Swabue, near Swatow, a party of three Roman Catholic priests and seven nuns who were being held prisoners by Communists.

One of the priests, Father Wong, who is Chinese but a British subject born in Hong Kong, was under sentence of death and awaiting execution. They had been charged by the Communists with preaching Christianity.

A Chinese convert from Swabue arrived in Hong Kong on December 26 and reported to Bishop Valterra the plight of the missionaries. The Bishop reported to Admiral Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station who ordered the destroyer "Seraph" to the rescue.

The "Seraph," which carried on board Bishop Valterra, arrived at Swabue at dawn yesterday and the rescue party, led by Commander Wilmot Sitwell, put off in a motor boat and whaler.

A letter from the Bishop was despatched to the Chief of Police. A reply was received but that since Father Wong was Chinese he must be dealt with under Chinese law.

A second note was then delivered to the Chinese demanding specially the surrender of Father Wong as a British subject. A written reply arrived later, saying that since Father Wong was a British subject he would be handed over.—British Wireless Service.

PRIEST'S DISCOVERY.

REVOLUTION IN
TRANSPORT.

London, Nov. 16.

A Spanish priest is the romantic figure behind a new invention, which holds out the possibility of revolutionising every form of transport, and which is being secretly tested in London.

The invention is a new accumulator, which is said to be powerful enough to drive a long-distance express train.

It is the discovery of Father Almeida, a young Jesuit from Salamanca, and it has been taken up by a prominent group of British financiers.

A special company has been formed to develop the invention. The directors state that, as the new accumulator is still in the experimental stage, they do not wish to advance any claims on its behalf at present, but it is understood that they hope to demonstrate that it has wonderful commercial possibilities.

Tests are being conducted at two laboratories in London, under the personal supervision of the inventor.

Father Almeida is still a young man, who displayed such an aptitude for physics and chemistry at the Jesuit college at Salamanca that he was given permission to continue his studies in other parts of Europe.

Financial Support.

He went to France and Germany, and came to London with his invention not long ago, and succeeded in impressing his present backers so favourably that they have invested a substantial sum of money to further the project.

Precautions are being taken to prevent premature publication of the details of the invention, but it is claimed unofficially that the new accumulator has ten times the capacity of any other accumulator of the same weight.

It is said to be so efficient that, by its use, it will be possible to make electric railways independent of live rails or overhead wires. Engines driven by these accumulators would be able to make non-stop runs to Scotland, and the entire permanent ways of the country would become suitable for electric traction without necessitating the expenditure of millions of pounds on electrification of the lines.

Motor-cars, without gear boxes, radiators, and magneto, will make their appearance if the invention becomes a practical reality.

PEACE ISLAND.

WINTER VILLA OPPOSITE
LOCARNO.

Geneva, Nov. 13.

Baron von der Reide, the ex-Kaiser's business manager, has purchased on behalf of his royal master, two small islands in Lake Maggiore, facing Locarno, for 414,000.

One of the islands will be named the "Island of World Peace." It is reported that the Kaiser intends to construct

FAMILY SKELETONS.

SECRETS KEPT IN BRITISH
MUSEUM.

THE GREVILLE MEMOIRS.

London, Nov. 14.

Secrets guarded in the fireproof safes of the British Museum were disclosed to a "Daily Chronicle" representative on Saturday at the department of the Keeper of MSS.

This week-end Mr. Lytton Strachey suggested that it could no longer serve any useful purpose to prevent public access to the original MSS of the Greville Memoirs, about which there has been so much stir. Mr. Esdale, Secretary at the British Museum, said on Saturday, however, that this was a matter for the trustees.

But it is not generally known that the Keeper of MSS. at the Museum is guardian of some of the most sensational family secrets and State affairs of the past.

When Lady Layard, for example, died in 1912, she bequeathed the whole of the papers of her husband, Sir Austen Henry Layard, the diplomatist and archaeologist to the Museum. As Sir Henry was Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs from 1861-1866 one can get an idea of the importance of his MSS.

"Confidential Prints." In the Layard MSS. there are many "confidential prints," as they are called, and the whole of the papers comprises 234 volumes. Many of these papers have now been released for research work by the Foreign Office, but there are still a number quite inaccessible to the research worker.

Another important volume of secrets concerning personalities in the last century and matters of State which cannot at present be divulged is the work of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

All the papers of this distinguished statesman are in the custody of the keeper, and they will not be published for some time.

Then there are the Leland papers—the correspondence of Mr. C. G. Leland, the great authority on gypsies. For reasons which cannot be disclosed they are still inaccessible to the publisher.

An official at the department said that there was a considerable list of persons distinguished in many walks of life whose papers are kept under lock and key and will not be published for 20 to 50 years. They were unable, however, to give even the names.

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OFFER ACCEPTED BY THE
CHANCELLOR.

London, Nov. 16.

Lady Houston, widow of the millionaire shipowner, Sir Robert Houston, Bt.—who died in the Channel Islands, leaving an estate said to be worth £7,000,000—has paid £1,500,000 to the Exchequer.

Many questions have been asked in the House of Commons with regard to the payment of death duties on the estate, and Mr. Churchill gave an assurance last session that the claims of the Crown would be pursued.

He had an interview recently with Lady Houston at the Treasury, and made a statement in the House of Commons yesterday.

"Lady Houston," he said, "has paid to the Exchequer the sum of £1,500,000 as an act of grace without admitting any legal liability on her part, and I have accepted this sum, which was offered spontaneously from a public-spirited desire to help the finances of the country."

FIGHT WITH A SHARK.

CHANNEL SWIM PILOT'S
ADVENTURE.

Folkestone, Nov. 14.

A shark more than 10ft. long was caught after an exciting struggle early this morning by Folkestone fishermen who were trawling for herrings in Dungeness Bay.

Mr. Harry Sharp, who piloted Miss Gletze on her Channel swim, was the skipper of the boat. Our Willy, who netted the shark.

"Our nets were suddenly drawn taut," he said, "and we anticipated a great catch of herrings. As we drew in the nets, however, we found a shark struggling desperately for liberty."

"It was playing havoc with the nets. We slipped a rope round its tail and endeavoured to haul it on board, but the rope snapped with the shark still entangled in the nets."

"We towed the shark into Folkestone, where we had to cut its head off to kill it."

A fisherman bought it for export to France, where it will be made into a man-eating shark, although others say it is of the bottlenose

BYWATERS CRIME.

NEW YORK PRODUCTION OF
SUPPRESSED PLAY.

WORLD OF MAKE-BELIEVE.

New York, Nov. 15.

"Spellbound," a play by Frank Vosper, an English actor, based on the Bywaters-Thompson murder case, after being suppressed in London, was produced last night at the Earl Carroll Theatre.

Miss Pauline Lord, regarded as America's foremost emotional actress, played the part of Mrs. Thompson, called in the play, "Ethel Carter." "Spellbound" is regarded generally by the critics as an unconvincing play, and seems an attempt to show that Mrs. Thompson's threats against her husband were only vapourings of a born romancer, and that she lived in a world of make-believe, giving herself a tragic character to make herself interesting.

The play makes her husband somewhat Satanic, knowing his wife's love affair with Bywaters, who is called in the play "Rowley Bateson," obtaining a perverse excitement from the situation, and constantly twitting his wife with insincerity.

"Bateson" mortally wounds "Carter" in a scuffle in the last act; there then follows an epilogue in the visitors' rooms of the prison, where "Ethel" receives news that a reprieve has been refused, and that she must die.

THE EX-KAISER.

NEW RASPUTIN PLAY
SENSATION.

Berlin, Nov. 10.

The much-talked-of Rasputin play, in which the Kaiser and Alphonse Daudet, General Haig, and General Foch, Lenin and Trotsky, the Czar, and the unfortunate monk-influenced Czarina are all brought on the stage, was produced here to-night for the first time.

From start to finish this mad, amazing tragedy of the downfall of the Romanoffs held the audience spellbound. The figure of Lenin in his cheap little grey alpaca coat and flat workman's cap was the great Comintern leader to the life, and from his box in the first circle, Herr Kreisky, the Soviet Ambassador, gazed down thrilled at the re-enactment of the incredible events that just ten years ago had swept him and his party from obscurity to power.

Gregori Rasputin, the peasant monk, with his strange mixture of sensuality, cunning, superstition, his orgies and his power over her Czarina was a masterpiece of historic drama.

The Kaiser Wilhelm II., with his pompous prayers for the victory of the Hohenzollerns, and his hoarse staccato adjurations addressed to his hussars, excited loud bursts of laughter from a fashionable audience that one would hardly have credited with Socialist leanings.

"BIG BILL'S" EYE.

SINGING POLICEMEN ESCORT
HIM TO WASHINGTON.

Washington, Nov. 8.

"Big Bill" Thompson of Chicago invaded Washington yesterday, nominally to tell Congress what to do about giving relief to the victims of the Mississippi floods, but actually to impress his importance upon Congress. Fantastic as it may sound, "Big Bill" cherishes the fond hope that, on the platform of "America first," keeping King George out of Chicago, patriotism and freeing American history from the malign British influence, the country may elect him President.

Twelve special trains brought him and his 2,000 supporters, each decorated with a badge by an accordion player, a banjo artist, eight stalwart singing policemen, a brass band, and a group of Italian singers. Thompson and his horde invaded the Capitol and saw the Flood Relief Committee, but no mention was made either of flood control or Thompson's personal war with King George. The Mayor, however, as a loyal American, made a call of courtesy on the President.

DIVORCE IN U. S.

REMARKABLE INCREASE IN
A YEAR.

Washington, Nov. 7.

The proportion of divorces to marriages in the United States last year, according to official statistics published here, reached the astonishing figure of nearly one in six.

There were 1,020,000 marriages and 180,000 divorces.

Marriages, compared with the figures for the previous year, showed an increase of one per cent; divorces, an increase of three per

CINEMA NOTES.

FAMOUS TOLSTOY NOVEL
AT QUEEN'S.

TO-DAY'S BIG FILM.

Another big picture is to be seen at the Queen's Theatre to-day in "Resurrection," an impressive screen version of the famous novel of that name by Count Leo Tolstoy.

Dolores del Rio, one of the stars of "What Price Glory," plays the leading role, supported by Rod La Rocque and a distinguished cast.

Count Leo Tolstoy, who died in 1910, wrote the novel which was published in 1899, and later translated into eleven languages. The film is presented by Inspiration Pictures and Edwin Carewe. Mr. Carewe directed the production.

Dolores del Rio has the part of Katusha Maslova and Rod La Rocque that of Prince Dmitri. Count Liya Tolstoy, son of Count Leo Tolstoy, plays his father in a special prologue to the film.

The 1903 stage version of "Resurrection" was played in London by Sir Herbert Beerhohn-Tres, in America by Blanche Walsh.

Mary Garden is now singing Alfano's opera "Resurrection" throughout the world having introduced it at the Auditorium, Chicago, in 1925.

"Resurrection" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre until Saturday, and cinema-goers should note that, owing to the unusual length of the film, performances begin promptly each day at the advertised times, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30.

SOUTH SEAS ROMANCE.

Local cinema-goers still remember such productions as "The Grand Duchess and the Waiter" and "Moana," and the beautiful camera effects obtained in each of these films. They will be pleased to learn, therefore that the same kind of film, panchromatic stock, has been used in "Aloma of the South Seas," Gilda Gray's first big picture, which comes to the World Theatre to-day as the feature attraction until Saturday.

Panchromatic film, it should be explained, is much more expensive than, and is far superior to, ordinary stock. In "Aloma of the South Seas" it enhances the story's stirring action with an ever-changing tropical sky and gorgeous cloud effects.

Percy Marmont, Warner Baxter, Julian Johnston and William Powell head the cast supporting Miss Gray. "Aloma of the South Seas" has been adapted from the successful stage play of the same name.

REX BEACH FILM.

Another Rex Beach film comes to the Star Theatre to-day in "Padlocked," a story of paternal repression and its effect on a spirited young girl of to-day. Lois Moran, the wistful heroine of "Stella Dallas," gives an able performance as the modern daughter, who braves the dangers and temptations of Broadway night life in pursuit of a dancing career.

Noah Beery, as the old-fashioned father, whose zealous reform efforts drive his daughter from home, scores a distinct personal triumph in a very difficult role. Louise Dresser, the third featured member, brings both sincerity and convincingness to her part of a society woman with a past.

Helen Jerome Eddy, Allan Simpson, Florence Turner and Charles Lane are among the supporting players, all of whom acquit themselves with distinction. "Padlocked" will be screened at the Star Theatre until Saturday.

MATCH-BURNING.

CRAZE SWEEPS THROUGH
BUSINESS OFFICES.

London, Nov. 9.

"Match racing" is the newest gambling game and time-wasting device in the City of London.

"Business men, stockbrokers, bankers and others who earn their living by arduous work within the City boundary may be seen at all times carrying under their arms boxes of giant matches. These matches are the instruments of the new game.

The idea in "match racing" is simply to light a giant match and to see how long it will burn.

A pool is started—sixpence, a shilling, half a crown, or ten shillings a match—according to the means or foolishness of the match racers.

At the word "Go" all the matches are struck, and the competitor whose match lasts the longest is a burning brand wins the whole pool. There are no second prizes.

A "match-burning" record for the City of London has been established by an underwriter at 10.45.2 and six minutes and two seconds for the

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE MAIL.

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Resurrection." World Theatre: "Aloma of the South Seas."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Padlocked."

To-day—Tea-dance, Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m., dinner dance, 8 p.m., December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.

January 1-2—Star Theatre; "Volcano."

January 1-2—World Theatre; "Fine Manners."

January 1-5—Queen's Theatre; "Beau Geste."

January 3-4—Star Theatre; "The Devil's Cargo."

January 4-5—World Theatre; "Back to God's Country."

January 5-7—World Theatre; "The Eagle."

January 5-7—Star Theatre; "The Show Off."

January 6-7—Queen's Theatre; "Out All Night."

Sports.

December 31—Cricket Match, Division I. H.K.C.C. v. Navy and Kowloon v. Army.

January 1—U.S.R.C. Tennis entries close to-day.

January 2—K.C.C. Children's sports.

Lammerts Auction.

January 4—At Sales Room, Duddell St., valuable household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Meeting.

January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., 6 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Presentation to the Rev. Copley Moyle at reception in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5-6 p.m.

December 29-31—Sale on Crackers, toys, etc., at Messrs. Whiteways, 20, Des Voeux Rd., CH.

January 3—Reopening of King's College.

January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

FAMOUS PIGEON.

SAVED FROM CAPTURE BY THE
GERMANS.

London, Nov. 14.

The most famous pigeon in Europe, which was to have been exhibited this week at the Crystal Palace, has died during moulting. This was Charles, the pigeon, which, during the war, was saved from capture by the Germans at Roubaix by Mr. G. W. Richardson, a noted pigeon expert.

Charles was bought from Sir Frank Warner at the Crystal Palace in 1912 for £100 by M. Felix Vanoutryve, a partner in a Roubaix firm of velvet and print manufacturers. The owner, at the beginning of the war, was called up for service in the French army, and therefore asked Mr. Richardson, who was his friend, to take care of the bird, little expecting that within a few weeks the Germans would be in Roubaix.

Death Penalty.

When the Germans arrived, one of their first actions was to forbid the keeping of homing pigeons, under penalty of death, but Mr. Richardson, a Yorkshireman, had given his word, and he stuck to it. As he said, "I made up my mind I would beat the Germans and keep that pigeon, which I kept wrapped up in a piece of newspaper in my inside pocket."

One day the bird was left wrapped up in a piece of sack up stairs, when some German soldiers suddenly arrived. Mr. Richardson ran to his bedroom in order to find the bird and put it in his pocket, but it had wriggled out of the sack, and was nowhere to be seen.

Fortunately, the soldiers, who had come in order to find a billet for a German officer, only examined the rooms on the first floor. As soon as they had gone Mr. Richardson went upstairs to recover the bird, and found him coolly walking to and fro on the landing of the second floor.

TREASURE FOUND.

GOLD AND JEWELS BURIED
A CENTURY AGO.

Mexico City, Nov. 10.

Buried treasure valued at more than £50,000 is stated to have been discovered by a farmer, Francisco Calderon, on his estate in Oaxaca, Mexico.

The estate, which has belonged to Signor Calderon's family for more than 150 years, was seized in 1815 and held for more than four years by a gang of robbers under their leader "El Solo," a famous Mexico bandit.

Numerous stories of "El Solo's" daring have been handed down. He derived his nickname from his single-handed robberies, and it is known that he buried a large part of his spoils.

It is now believed that Signor Calderon has found one of these secret hoards.

He was ploughing a distant corner of his estate when he unearthed a large wooden box which contained jewels, gold coins of a century ago, and a large number of gold church ornaments.

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Mr. C. U. Stafford met with an accident whilst riding on the Tai-ping Race Course and was taken to the hospital.

The Port Dickson Club is holding its first open lawn tennis tournament at Chinese New Year, January 21, 22, and 23.

Community Church, Shanghai, has arranged for a series of sermons in January by the Rev. E. M. Potent, Jr., of the Shanghai College.

The Chinese Telegraph Administration state that their cable to Chefoo has been repaired and that telegrams to North China are subject to normal delay only.

Mr. Roger Swettenham, Deputy Commissioner of Trades and Customs, F.M.S., who had been in Singapore on official business has returned to Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. Round-Turner, of the British North Borneo Constabulary, will be going to Kuala Lumpur in the near future for a month, during which he will be attached to the Police Depot there.

The Chinese Government Radio Service announces that arrangements have been made to transmit commercial messages from Shanghai to Tientsin, Peking and Tientsin.

The military and police authorities at Woosung, having heard that the Communists were showing signs of activities there, are instituting surprise searches in different houses in the district.

The Chinese newspapers report that a number of women Communists have been executed at Hankow. Five women and 20 men were executed on December 13, General Hu Chung-tai declaring he would take the sternest measures to suppress Communism in that city.

Gen. Li Fuk-lan, one of the leading military officers in Canton, has wired to Nanking appealing for aid against the continued attacks of the Kwangsi troops. He says that, although most of the Communists have been suppressed, the Kwangsi men have been invading Kwangtung.

In connection with the armed robbery by a Chinese man and a woman at Cheung Chau last week, when an elderly Chinese woman was murdered, the police arrested a Chinese couple on suspicion, but after 48 hours' detention they were released. Later, another Chinese couple were arrested on the hillside at Saiwan, and are being detained for investigation.

The Installation Meeting of Perak Jubilee Lodge was held at Taiping. Wor. Bro. C. L. Chapman, Deputy District Grand Master, installed Bro. W. H. Hewitson as Master of Perak Jubilee Lodge for the ensuing year, many brethren from Ipoh, Teluk Anson and Sitiawan being present as visitors. After the ceremony there was a banquet in the Masonic Hall, when the usual toast list was gone through.

At the second meeting of the China Society of Science and Arts, Shanghai, to be held on Friday, December 30, Mr. J. A. Jackson will give an illustrated lecture on "Formosa." Mr. Jackson made a walking tour of this interesting island last summer at which time he gathered much valuable information and secured the many interesting and beautiful photographs which he will use to illustrate his lecture.

The churches connected with the English Baptist Mission in Shanghai with more than 7,000 communicants, at the annual meeting of their Provincial Conference, unanimously voted to become a part of the newly organized United Church of Christ in China. This action is the more noteworthy, because it is believed to be the first instance where the Baptist Churches and non-Baptist Churches have been able to find a practical basis of union.

In the presence of His Highness the Sultan of Selangor and the Raja Muda of Selangor, the British Resident of Selangor (the Hon. Mr. J. Lorrie) presented the Imperial Long Service Medal to Inche Mohammed bin Mohammed Amin in the Council Chamber, Kuala Lumpur. The proceedings were conducted in Malay. The British Resident, in presenting the medal, spoke of the long and unbroken record of service of Inche Mohammed with the Government.

When Dr. B. C. Wong was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon for disobeying traffic signals at the Star Ferry at 8.30 a.m., on November 27, he stated that he had no recollection of the incident, and claimed that his attention was not called to the breach of regulation at the time it was alleged to have been committed. After his Worship had heard evidence from the pointman to the effect that the offence was committed at 8.30 p.m., Dr. Wong was discharged on account of the discrepancy in the time.

Mr. J. D. Sanderson is acting as hon. secretary of the Malacca Club.

H.M.S. "Withington" has arrived in Shanghai from Hong Kong.

General Duncan's farewell dinner will be held in Shanghai on January 26.

Mr. J. H. B. Will has resigned from the board of directors of Raja Perak Tin, Ltd.

The Nationalist forces are reported by the Chinese press to have captured Lincheng.

Dr. Husain, Assistant Surgeon, Taiping, is at present stationed at Cameron's Highlands for duty.

The marriage of Mr. Leong Yee Khean to Miss Lim Chin Chew was celebrated at the Town Hall, Ipoh.

Among Michaelmas term students called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, on November 17, was Mr. Kye Choo Chan.



Mrs. Ruth E. McCormick, widow of Senator Medill McCormick, of Illinois, who will probably run for the House of Representatives as a member at large from Illinois.

Listeners-in in Singapore received some very clear messages passing from Kootwijk (Holland) to Batavia in which the sender expressed good wishes to all his hearers for the Christmas season. He also gave her three items of news one of which stated that the International Red Cross had received messages from western Shantung that the locust plague had caused such damage as to render four millions of people destitute and that a million dollars was needed for their relief. Other messages dealt with the meeting between the T.U.C. and the employers in England and the aeroplane endurance test in California.

An interesting decision, especially in view of an opposite one given by Major C. Willson in relation to Salt Fish Lane recently, was given by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday in a case in which the occupier of No. 44, Woosung Street was summoned for causing an obstruction by leaving several boxes on the footpath. In fining the defendant \$5 his Worship held that it was against the law to obstruct pedestrians even though the land was private property. His Worship was satisfied that as the public had access to that area, and the boxes impeded the thoroughfare of pedestrians, the charge against the defendant came under the provisions of the Ordinance under which the summons was taken out.

T. O. Teppers, a Russian who has been in custody for several weeks on charges of fraud and obtaining money by false pretences, was sentenced at the Provisional Court in Shanghai to six months' imprisonment on each of six charges and ordered to serve a total of 36 months' imprisonment. Asked by the judge if he had anything to say before sentence was passed upon him, Teppers said: "Yes, I have a lot to say. I would like to know why the prosecution is not treating me according to the law. I would like to know what objection the prosecuting attorney had against my seeing the cheque I am alleged to have forged. If I had seen it I could have proved that I did not sign it." This declaration had no effect upon the Court's judgment.

A Chinese was yesterday discharged by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of larceny of seven basin plugs and a small glass pump from the General Military Hospital situated in the Diocesan Boys' School building. The accused's story was that he had found the things lying about and was taking signals at the Star Ferry at 8.30 a.m., on November 27, he stated that he had no recollection of the incident, and claimed that his attention was not called to the breach of regulation at the time it was alleged to have been committed. After his Worship had heard evidence from the pointman to the effect that the offence was committed at 8.30 p.m., Dr. Wong was discharged on account of the discrepancy in the time.

Taiping Tin Dredging Co. have declared a five per cent. dividend on account of the current year, payable on January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd. D. Miles and child have left Taiping for a short holiday in Colombo. They expect to be away for two or three weeks.

Eruption of Vesuvius within a year, greater than that which caused hundreds of deaths in 1906, is prophesied by Mr. Imamura, a Japanese seismologist.

The Socony people are putting up a huge petrol tank installation at Port Swettenham. The installation is being constructed by the Federated Engineering Co.

We acknowledge with thanks a neat little desk calendar put out by Messrs. Mackintosh and Co., Ltd., men's wear specialists. This may be suspended or stood on the desk and has on each page the current, last and next months' dates.

Delegates to the conference of Chinese Chambers of Commerce of China now meeting in Shanghai are reported to have passed a resolution deciding to start a fund for relieving wounded Chinese soldiers, according to the Chinese newspapers.

At a meeting of the Muslim community of Singapore held under the chairmanship of Mr. M. A. Namazie, it was resolved to give a tea party in honour of Mr. R. J. Farrer, President of the Municipality, on the occasion of the extension of his period of service.

Lady Clifford and, later on, His Excellency the High Commissioner were present at the Selangor Club Christmas party. This has now become pre-eminently the social function of the Club's year and though there were 389 children there must have been more than that number of grown-ups present.

An accident befel Mr. Bell, of the Kuala Lumpur Detective Department, while he was motoring to Klang. The steering gear of his car gave way, and the car ran off the road. Mr. Bell was badly thrown and broke four ribs. He was brought back to Kuala Lumpur, and is at present confined to his bungalow.

Three privates of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment were produced before Mr. Dakos, Third Magistrate, at Singapore, as the result of a complaint of house-breaking against them. The matter was withdrawn from Court and will be dealt with departmentally. They were alleged to have entered the house of a Mr. Gonzales at Pasir Panjang.

Local cinema-goers will be interested to learn that a special musical score has been prepared by Mr. Grovini, the director of the Queen's Orchestra, for Tolstoy's "Resurrection," which is being screened from to-day to Saturday. Owing to the length of the picture, performances start promptly at the special times advertised, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15, and 9.30.

The Bureau of Labour, Agriculture, and Commerce of the Shanghai and Woosung Municipality is reported by the Chinese papers to have requested the higher authorities to permit the Controsojos, which they say is a British company, to continue its business operations. The Bureau states that investigations have been made which show that the company has not been engaged in Communist activities.

A competition and fire display by the Selangor Fire Brigade at the headquarters, Kuala Lumpur, arranged by Mr. H. Lloyd (Superintendent), proved instructive and entertaining. The British Resident of Selangor (the Hon. Mr. J. Lorrie) attended, and on his arrival was received by a guard of honour, composed of Volunteers and firemen, which he inspected accompanied by the Superintendent. A large number of spectators were present, including the Raja Muda of Selangor.

When a pickpocket case was called before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, it was reported that the complainant had failed to appear. The Magistrate in the circumstances discharged the accused man, and as he claimed that the 80 cents he was alleged to have stolen was his own property, the money was ordered to be returned to the accused. The complainant in the case was a Chinese seaman who had sailed early yesterday morning.

Towkay Tan Ah Choy has presented the Roman Catholics of Kulim with a fine piece of land within the town for erecting their own Chapel. It is believed this is the first instance of a non-Christian Chinese gentleman making such a gift. The plot measures over 1,200 sq. ft. The plan has been passed, and the work and operations are being commenced. This popular Towkay has also been concerned in influencing subscriptions for a new Malay Mosque. Mr. A. Choy was the first to subscribe towards the Building Fund of the Chinese School at Kulim.

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The scene at Canton continues to change with dramatic suddenness. The Ironsides, who recaptured the city from the Communists, have now left, taking a lot of money with them, and the Kwangsi forces are ready to step into power. Meanwhile, the movement for the re-enthronement of General Li Chai-sun in the southern capital grows stronger day by day. The interesting events leading up to the present situation in Canton are graphically described by Chinese correspondents and observers in this week's "Overland Mail."

Pirates are again active on the Yangtze River, and British naval action has been taken against them. The "Overland" contains full reports of all engagements and activities in this area, together with accounts of the war in the north, where Nationalists have again attacked Fengtien forces, threatening to march on Peking.

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

SPORTS

SERVICES SAIL.

ROYAL NAVY'S NARROW WIN.

TWO GOOD RACES.

A sailing race between the Navy and Army yesterday was won by the former by two points.

The Navy were represented by Lieutenant L. L. B. Myers, Commander M. W. S. Boucher, D.S.O., Lieut.-Commander J. Drinkwater, Lieut.-Commander O. C. G. Leveson-Gower, Pay Lieut.-Commander H. Littleton, Major W. G. H. Miles, R.M., Engineer-Commander H. G. Marshall, Captain A. Whitworth, R.M., and Mr. Gordon. The Army were represented by Lieutenant J. E. M. Bland (Scotts Guards), Mr. Barrie, Capt. F. G. Le Gros, R.A., Lieut. R. Payton-Reid, K.O.S.B., Mr. Hackett Pain, Lt.-Col. Gunn, D.S.O., M.C., R.A., Mr. Birmingham, Lieut. J. Scott-Elliott, K.O.S.B., and Mr. Howard.

The yachts were changed over in the afternoon and there were different helmsmen for each side morning and afternoon.

Morning Race.

The course for the morning race was—Club Line W. to E., Channel Rock (P.), Kowloon Rock (S.), Channel Rock (S.) finish between No. 7 buoy and H.M.S. "Argus." Distance: 5 miles.

The result was—

Yacht.	Sailed by	Points.
I.1	Bland	8
Y.6	Barrie	4
Y.2	Le Gros	11
Y.9	Reid	3
G.2	Hackett Pair	1
Total		27

Navy.

Yacht.	Sailed by	Points.
I.3	Myers	9
Y.5	Boucher	6
Y.5	Drinkwater	7
G.5	Leveson Gower	2
G.1	Littleton	5
Total		29

Afternoon Race.

The course for the afternoon race was: Start between No. 7 buoy and H.M.S. "Argus." Mark on Line (S.), Kowloon Rock (S.), Channel Rock (S.), Club Line E. to W. Distance: 5.9 miles.

The result was—

Yacht.	Sailed by	Points.
I.3	Gunn	11
Y.6	Bingham	3
Y.3	Scott Elliott	8
G.3	Howard	2
G.1	Reid	4
Total		28

Navy.

Yacht.	Sailed by	Points.
I.1	Miles	6
Y.6	Deverell	6
Y.2	Marshall	7
Y.9	Whitworth	1
G.2	Gordon	9
Total		28

YORKSHIRE CAPTAIN

BIG MAJORITY FOR AN AMATEUR.

London, Dec. 14. The final result of the Yorkshire Club ballot was as follows:—

In favour of Amateur Captain—2,264.

In favour of Professional Captain—441.

In favour of Rhodes—2,007.

In favour of Sutcliffe—876.

"T. O. C."

DEMPSEY'S MONEY CLAIM.

New York.

The Kearns-Dempsey battle was advanced a stage further, when the ex-world's champion launched a counter-claim against his former manager, in which he alleged Kearns had wrongfully appropriated sums aggregating \$100,000 during the eight years between 1917 and 1925 that the two were associated in the business of prize-fighting.

BIRMINGHAM BOXERS WIN.

In a light-weight contest at Sunderland Clarence Barton, of Birmingham, had an easy points victory over Harry Pitt, of Choppington, Joe Perks, of Birmingham and Harry Lem, of Leicester, fought to the eighth round, when Perks fell and claimed that he had been hit low. Lem was disqualified.

MACAO RACE.

ONLY THREE BOATS FINISH.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

Only three of the eleven cruisers which started from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Monday morning in the annual race to Macao, a distance of 70 miles, for the Potts-Challenge Cup, completed the course under their own sails, and returned to the Yacht Club. "U" and "I," sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse, won, crossing the line 34 hours after she started, coming in at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday. Six hours later came "Snipe" (or 40 hours to complete the course), sailed by Mr. F. J. Easterbrook, and some 14½ hours later (or 54 hours for the course) there crossed the line "Curlew," sailed by Capt. J. Larcomb.

Order of Finishing.

The order in which the cruisers finished at the Yacht Club was as under:—

Finishing.	Time.
1st "U & I"	5.30.30 p.m. Tues.
2nd "Snipe"	11.25.20 p.m. Tues.
3rd "Curlew"	2.01.53 p.m. yesterday.

"Azuma"	D.N.F.
"La Cigale"	D.N.F.
"Norseman"	D.N.F.
"Queen Bee"	D.N.F.
"Feathers"	D.N.F.
"Sea Rover"	D.N.F.
"Helen"	D.N.F.
"Dorothy II."	D.N.F.

The handicaps were (from La Cigale, the fastest boat as "scratch")—
"Azuma" received 1 hour, 15 minutes.
"Norseman" received 3 hours, 7 minutes, 3 seconds.
"Queen Bee" received 3 hours, 3 minutes.
"U" and "I" received 1 hour, 15 minutes.
"Feathers" received 2 hours, 7 minutes, 3 seconds.
"Curlew" received 3 hours, 2 minutes 1 second.
"Sea Rover" received 6 hours, 45 minutes.
"Helen" received 4 hours, 3 minutes.
"Snipe" received 4 hours.
"Dorothy II." received 4 hours, 3 minutes.

LOCAL GOLF.

CHRISTMAS BOGEY POOL RESULTS.

At the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Christmas meeting the Bogy Pool was won by R. M. Finlayson (7) 2 up. N. K. Littlejohn (16) 1 up was second.

Other scores:—H. E. Bloxham (6) and T. S. Whyte Smith (9), all square; S. A. Arthur, F. Cowherd, W. L. Dunbar, H. G. Hegarty, F. A. Redmond, K. S. Robertson all one down. There were 64 entries.

In the Medal Round F. Cowherd won with 88—16=72.

Other scores were:—A. Leach 84—11=73; T. S. Whyte-Smith 84—9=75; H. F. Bloxham 81—6=75; K. S. Robertson 88—10=78; G. Murray 86—7=79. Thirty-four entered.

COURSE CLOSED OWING TO CATTLE DISEASE.

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the New Forest has led to the closing until further notice of Bramshaw golf course, near Lyndhurst.

Bramshaw is the centre of the affected area. Police are in charge of all infected places, and so strict are the regulations to prevent the spread of the disease that occupants of infected premises have to obtain permits and disinfect their footwear before they may leave.

Tradesmen and others are not allowed to approach, and generally a police constable delivers food supplies himself, taking the usual precautions of disinfection.

LOCAL SOCCER.

KOWLOON MARRIED v. SINGLE.

The following teams have been selected for the annual Married v. Single fixture which takes place on Monday, January 2. Kick off 11 a.m.

Married:—Wood, Dodson, Black, Guest, McKelvie, Blacklock, Clemon, Spary, Pasco, Clemon, Smith.

Single:—Mason, Silper, Wheeler, Hedley, Sims, Mies, Pile, May, Vickers, Tierman, Muir.

The "single" team will play in white.

PLAYERS BLAMED.

HAPPENINGS UNJUSTLY ASCRIBED TO TEAM.

EFFORTS TO WIN.

It has been tritely said that football is a funny game, and many are the instances of strange things happening which makes this saying very true. We are always having the word "luck" brought into the argument, and it seems that before one can safely discuss any side of football, it is first necessary to consider how luck affects the question. It is mainly about luck that I am going to write, but, I am sorry to say, it is principally of the bad variety which seems to dog my footsteps, writes Bill Ashurst, the English footballer.

Speaking without any book of records to guide me, I think I hold one unenviable record in the annals of football. In two consecutive seasons I have been in two teams that were relegated to the Second Division from the First! I think I shall be safe in saying that every footballer will hope that I hold the record for ever.

There is not much in this fact until you begin to go beneath the surface. Last season West Bromwich Albion were relegated, and here is what McKay, the Scottish inside forward, said in an article which I read: "West Bromwich Albion are the nearest side to Newcastle United, in style for good football. They played Newcastle at their own game, and I cannot understand why they are struggling at the bottom of the League table. They must be very unlucky."

Let us examine this position. The "nearest side to Newcastle United in style"—Newcastle won the Championship, and we were relegated! McKay was right when he said we must be very unlucky. In the whole of my football career I have never experienced anything like what happened to us last season. There were games in which we had all the play, and tried to win our games by good class methods, but the other sides always had the luck and got the goals.

His Business.

The same remarks are applicable to the Notts County team, my previous club, when they were relegated. I could give you countless incidents which would illustrate what I mean, but that is not quite the purpose of this article.

What I want to do is to exhort the supporters of football clubs who are doing badly to watch for things which are beyond the control of the players. It is so easy to shout and grumble at players who are in a losing side. But it never helped any player to know that he had not the sympathy of the men who pay to watch the games.

Have you heard it said that the professional footballer doesn't care a hoot about the result so long as his pay is forthcoming each week? I have, and I know it to be one of the most malicious lies that was ever thrown at a public entertainer.

Footballers do care! Apart from any sentimental reason, it never paid a footballer not to care what the result was or what happened to his team. Do you think that footballers have no brains? The game is their living, just as much as acting is the means of bringing in bread and butter to the actor. If they show that they don't care, and that they are deliberately offering inferior entertainment, they stand a good chance of losing their living.

Next time you hear anyone make the remark that players are not trying, or don't care what the result might be, you can give them my name, and say that I have never heard of such a thing in football.

Reason For Bad Play.

You would be surprised what little things can make big differences to a football team. You all know the effect of injuries and constant team changes—after which no team can settle down and play well—but you rarely find an excuse being made for a team so unfortunate. All you hear is grumbling because that lucky team has not served which can fall into any position so that the change will not be felt.

I know full well that a strong reserve team is one of the secrets of successful football; but I also know, and this is even more true than that of which I have just written, that you can't expect any second-team man to come into a League side and immediately settle down. He needs many more than one match to become acclimatised and to fit in and for the other players to fit in with him.

If you brought in a reserve man for a number of matches, perhaps the old form would return; but it is often found that the reserve man is played once or twice and then back comes the player who has been injured, or there is a change in another position and the task of gaining understanding has to be started all over again.

If you want proof of what I say being correct, go back to an instance of where a reserve man has come into a team, and made good.

WAKE-UP-ENGLAND.

LORD D'ABERNON'S AND AMATEURS.

STATUS BOGEY.

London, Dec. 12. Lord D'Abernon signalled his first appearance as President of the Lawn Tennis Association at the annual meeting in London with a "Wake-up-England" speech, revealing dissatisfaction with the present state of affairs.

He declared that victory must be organised and that an adequate portion of the huge reserves (which the Treasurer later announced had passed the £25,000 mark) must be devoted to that purpose.

Again the amateur status bogey produced a lively discussion. In regard to the question of "player-writers," it was eventually agreed that competitors in any contest receiving money or the equivalent for broadcasting reports, writing Press articles under their own names or recognisable pseudonyms, or permitting mention of their names in connection with the writing of the articles should lose their amateur status.

Lord D'Abernon was re-elected President.

Lord Desborough, to whom a presentation should have been made, was absent.—"T.O.C."

BALLMAKERS WANT AN INQUIRY.

There is every probability of the ball manufacturers demanding a public inquiry into the matter of tendering for the cheaper ball—which they allege has been operated unfairly by the Lawn Tennis Association.

One prominent manufacturer expressed the view that the ball manufacturers would have been kept entirely in the dark as to what was going on at the meetings of the L.T.A.'s ball committee but for certain unavoidable leakages.

The ball committee composed their scheme under a veil of secrecy and none of the leading manufacturers was consulted. While the L.T.A. definitely laid down in their tender form that the weight, bound, compression, and size of the ball must conform to their regulations it is asserted that neither the question of quality nor durability was considered.

George Griffiths, the Swansea forward, suffering from a fracture of the leg, has left hospital and hopes to play early in the New Year.

at once. Every paper in the country will have had a paragraph about him, given his history to date while his feat would have been marvelled at by all. Everybody knows it is unusual—and, yet they expect it to happen every time, and are inclined to blame the newcomer, the other players and the club in general because it doesn't happen.

Dogged By Ill-Luck.

When I was with Notts County, in the season when they were relegated, we never knew from one week to another who would play in the next game. Every week, practically throughout the season, there was a player injured in such a fashion that he could not play in the next game. I have never known such a series of misfortunes; there was not a player who went unscathed.

We were called a poor side, but if ever a club deserved sympathy it was Notts County. Even when we had a chance to win a couple of points, everything went wrong, and if, towards the end of the season, the players became despondent who can blame them.

But this side is surely one of the most unfortunate in the country. I once heard Albert Iremonger say that in the whole of his twenty years with the club he could never recall a season when the mental strain of fighting either to avoid relegation or to gain promotion, did not spoil the players' chances of settling down to comfortable football. The players of Notts County were always worked up to an unusual pitch.

When they gained promotion, they had to struggle until the last match of the season. Perhaps it will be interesting for me to relate a little story concerning this team. We had beaten West Ham at Upton Park, and had gained promotion and the man who won that match was Albert Iremonger, by his brilliant goalkeeping. As we were leaving the ground, a lady spectator was so upset, because she thought West Ham had lost promotion by that defeat, that she went for Iremonger with her umbrella.

I shall not repeat the words she used, but she did manage to give Albert a rap or two, much to our amusement. That was a hiding for nothing, for West Ham, because Leicester City had failed at home, did gain promotion.

"VARSITY" RUGGER.

HOW CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD.

A MAGNIFICENT STRUGGLE.

London, Dec. 13. The Inter-Varsity match was played in dull weather at Twickenham, before a crowd of 35,000.

Cambridge beat Oxford by 22 points to 14.

The game was a magnificent struggle, played amid the usual chorus of howls.

Oxford displayed the power to win, but did not apply it. Their whole-hearted tackling kept the famous Cambridge three-quarters in subjection.

The latter only gave flashes of concerted brilliance, from which, however, they scored.

Oxford failed at the outset in heeling from the scrums, while the forwards were not cohesive in the rushes. Weak spots were Mollie and McCanlis.

The most prominent Oxford players were Taylor, Lusty, and Edmiston.

The Cambridge forwards were quick and smart in heeling.

Windsor Lewis was thrustful, but the backs should have piled up points considering their opportunities.

Harding and Morgan were best, while Scott and Waters were the pick of the forwards.

Waters Kicks Well.

Although gloomy, the weather was fine and the turf was excellent.

After five minutes' play, Oxford forced their way into the Cambridge half and the ball was sent smartly to the three-quarters.

Lusty ran strongly, but could not get through and looked forward, but the referee did not interfere.

The ball was kicked over the line and the race for "touch" went in favour of Novis.

Lusty failed with a difficult place-kick.

For a time the Oxford backs showed greater dash and were rather more accurate in handling than their opponents, but after fifteen minutes Aarvold got away down the wing and passed inside to Scott, who scored a try, Windsor Lewis converting.

Cambridge again attacked and with Mollie scored a penalty-goal.

Two abortive Cambridge attacks followed and then Edmiston broke away.

Heppinstall scored a try which he failed to convert.

The Oxford forwards showed capital foot-work. Taylor and Edmiston were most prominent in the course of the rushes.

Cambridge had an anxious time until Lewis found touch well up the field, and here Mollie was again penalised for off-side. Waters scored a splendid goal from close to the touch-line.

The half-time score was as follows:—

Cambridge 11 pts.
Oxford 6 pts.

On resuming, Oxford pressed, and Hofmeyer, after Cambridge had been temporarily relieved, burst through and found touch near the "Cantab" line.

Fine handling by the Oxford backs, saw Hume get within a yard of scoring before being forced into "touch."

Cambridge, however, escaped.

Morgan made a clever clearance.

After ten minutes, Campbell cut through and passed when near the line to Scott, who scored a try, Waters just failing to convert.

Oxford attacked, Taylor going very close.

Cambridge cleared to the half-way, where Swannan gathered, dashed through, answered brilliantly and went over for a try under the bar, Heppinstall converting.

There was a stoppage for a couple of minutes, owing to a Cambridge forward being laid out.

On resuming, Cambridge pressed vigorously and there was a capital movement in which several shared, resulting in a fine try being scored by Aarvold.

Waters failed to convert.

Cambridge continued to have the better of matters.

The finish was delayed owing to Scott being attacked by cramp and requiring assistance from a doctor.

He was carried to Cambridge where on resuming, Cambridge were twice penalised, but too far out for Oxford to gain a definite advantage.

Harding scored a try in the last three minutes, Waters converting.

Hume scored an unconverted try in the last minute.

Cambridge 22 pts.
Oxford 14 pts.

Road Side Scenes.

Twickenham was the brightest spot in London's wintry gloom today, and "rugged" men and maidens packed shoulder to shoulder in a continuous stream to the ground in two columns.

There was an endless line of cars, in the centre of the road, many of which, like the pedestrians, were bedecked with colours.

Politicians jostled Bishops, and "bush-fours" and "plus-fours" were everywhere.

Undergraduates guided pretty fur-coated girls along—all agog with excitement.

Students' Night Out.

Riotous scenes were witnessed in the West End.

Supporters of the Oxford and Cambridge teams succeeded in curtailing the programmes at the Hippodrome and the Palace.

Both theatres were obliged to lower curtains much earlier than the scheduled time.

Students thereafter indulged in boisterous behaviour in Piccadilly and Leicester Square. Many got on to the tops of taxicabs.

Two students were taken into custody.—"T.O.C."

"SWISS" FORESTS.

23,000 ACRES TO BE PLANTED THIS SEASON.

INTERESTING VARIANT.

London, Nov. 14. Twenty-three thousand acres of trees are to be planted by the Forestry Commissioners during the planting season about to begin, making 120,000 planted since the war, exclusive of 60,000 planted privately.

Meanwhile, the forests, most of which are from eight to ten feet high and will now put on growth with increasing rapidity, are acquiring character and scenic value. It is clear that they will not have the charm of the typical British forest. We shall not wander through them conjuring up thoughts of the yew bow and the arrow, and pleasant pageants of old time.

They contain neither oak nor beech, elm nor willow, birch nor yew. They consist of pine, fir, larch, and spruce. And the trees all stand in ordered array, like soldiers.

But the post-war forests are introducing an interesting variant to the British landscape.

"It will be the Continental type of forest that we shall have in Britain," said Professor Fraser Story, of the Forestry Commission, and editor of the "Forestry Journal," to a "Daily Express" representative. "The new forests will be just like the familiar Swiss forests or the Black Forest, and I think they will be very handsome, particularly as most of them are set on hillsides, which best show off their beauty."

The largest of the new forests is at Thetford, Norfolk. Another 4,000 acres have just been acquired to extend it, and when completed it will be by far the greatest stretch of woodland in Britain. The area allotted to it is already bigger than the New Forest.

One and three quarter million acres are to be planted. Then huge regions that now are bare or just heath-covered will be shadowy with forests.

POSTER WAR.

PUZZLE OF SOUTHEAST BY-ELECTION.

Southend, Nov. 15. Mysterious anti-feminist posters appeared here to-day, some being pasted over the bills of Lady Iveagh, the Conservative candidate in the by-election.

One of the posters has the inscription in black on a yellow ground:—

Do not vote for a woman until you have read "Sex and Public Life," by Captain A. H. Henderson-Livesey.

No one knows whence the posters have come or who placed them in position. It cannot be said that the inhabitants of Southend have taken this mysterious message to heart, for investigations at all the principal bookshops of the town this afternoon proved that the writer was the first inquirer for the book.

The appearance of the poster at this time is, of course, not legal," said a worker in Lady Iveagh's office to the writer, "and we have not yet decided what to do with regard to the matter. Lady Iveagh, who is paying a visit to Suffolk, is not discouraged. It does not bother her."

Lady Iveagh's reply to the poster is a handbill:—

Parliament keeps house for the nation; it passes laws for women and children; it aids housekeeping. Let a woman help.

Mr. Hailwood, the Independent Conservative, is opposed to votes for women, but his representatives disown the black and yellow posters. Some of Mr. Hailwood's leaflets say:—

"Give the breadwinner a chance, and do not flirt with flappers."

"Flappers for the seaside, but business men for business jobs in the House of Commons."

CATHEDRAL STONE.

1,000 MILES OF RAILWAY SEARCHED.

Capetown, Nov. 8. The police and railway officials are searching a thousand-mile stretch of railway between Capetown and Johannesburg in an endeavour to find an ancient stone which was presented to Johannesburg Cathedral by Canterbury Cathedral. It mysteriously disappeared from a goods van of the Union Limited Express on a journey from Table Bay docks, it was being conveyed by the Rev. S. M. Woodfield, who saw the stone placed in the van at the docks, but missed it, with two portmanteaus on arrival at Johannesburg. South Africa attaches great sentimental value to the stone.

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"MAIL" REVIEW.

JOHN BUCHAN WRITES ON
 WITCHCRAFT.

"Witch Wood," John Buchan
 (Hodder and Stoughton).

"The sin of witchcraft is rampant here, and I will not rest till I have rooted it out. I saw the bodies of men and women in Woodilee who have sold their souls to damnation." This quotation sums up the work which the Rev. David Sempill set himself to do in his ministry at Woodilee, in the year 1644. Fierce and violent Puritanism had seized the Lowlands and harsh doctrine of hell-fire was the order of the day. But the Old Ones still held their revels in out of the way places. The general view was that it was unwise to meddle with the devotees of Black Magic, but to leave them, till, exhausted spiritually by their excesses, they returned to the fold of the faithful.

David Sempill established himself firmly in his parish but never acquired a real hold of his elders, one of whom, Ephraim Caird, was the high priest of the blackcladders. He was well cared for by "old Isobel, and his adventures started when he guided three lost wayfarers to Callidon, one of whom was Montrose the Royalist and rebel. In the fateful wood he met and learned to love Katrina, there they hid the wounded follower of Montrose—a bold thing to do in those troubled times. And there, in Melanndrigill, he witnessed the pagan orgies of his own parishioners. Aided by Shillinglaw, he rushed among them and succeeded in so marking them that later he was able to identify the ringleaders with the mainstays of his flock. David laid charges before the Presbytery but found that he himself had to face charges of conduct unbecoming to a minister and of harbouring one of Montrose's troopers. Forbidden to follow his calling David returns to Woodilee. A pestilence breaks out, and he is held to blame by his maddened parishioners. Katrina labours nobly with him, and is stricken and dies. David has now lost his faith, his love and his living, and we last see him sailing for new lands, although the tradition lingered long in Woodilee that he had been taken—by the Devil or by the Fairies—in Witch Wood.

Here is a capital story, brilliantly told, and striking quite a new note, although Mr. Buchan gave indications of this vein in "The Moon Endureth." His ingenuity and local colour are astounding, and he never loses his grip of his reader, carrying one to the utmost peak of interest. His psychological insight into the mind of the fanatics is marvellously penetrating. This is a book we can recommend without reserve, and for which we can find no words of appreciation to high.

BOOK NOTICES.

Silburn, Colonel P. A., South Africa.
 White and Black—or Brown?
 With a Preface by Major-Gen.
 Sir Edward Northey. Allen &
 Unwin. 6s.

Colonel Silburn, is an acknowledged authority on South African affairs, especially on native and coloured questions, and his views on the present position—both political and native and coloured questions, and his views on the present position—both political and racial—deserve the most careful consideration. The relations of the Union to the other parts of the Empire, including Great Britain, come under review, and the author's analysis of the situation, with his personal experience of the complicated racial and economic problems and his

wide outlook, is an able, interesting and valuable contribution to the study of one of the most distracting Imperial questions of the day.

Chown, Daisy M., Way-faring in Africa. Heath Cranton. 10s. 6d.

Miss Chown, after touring New Zealand and Fiji, only needed a casual suggestion that she should do the Cape to Cairo overland, to put the idea into practice. She did not quite carry it through because she took boat from Beira to Mombasa. But from the Cape to Durban, thence to the Victoria Falls and to Beira, and from Mombasa through Kenya and Uganda and up the Nile to Cairo she faced all the adventures, sometimes the perils, of the journey alone. She writes very pleasantly and naturally of her experiences, and confesses sufficiently frequently to a panicky sensation to afford an idea of her pluck and enterprise. She conveys some excellent lightning impressions of settlers and of the natives in out-of-the-way places, and her book will be read by all who take an interest in the opening up of Africa to the holiday-makers anxious to get away from the beaten track.

Age Khub Dekhta. India To-morrow.—Oxford University Press. 8s. 6d.

The Government of India Act, 1919 (Sec. 84A), stipulates that at the expiration of ten years after the passing of the Act a Commission shall be appointed to enquire into the working of the system of Government and into the whole question of responsible Government for India. The time is now approaching for the appointment of this Commission, and it is with its composition and its problems of local and provincial and central administration, as well as the communal question and the 'Indian States, that the author deals in a modest and thoughtful way. He writes, indeed, "in a perfect faith that the so-called 'Lost Dominion' can be regained on the more certain and lasting foundation of a common understanding and a common purpose."

Bennett, M. M., Christian of Lammormoor. Alston Rivers. 7s. 6d.

Mrs. Bennett's life of her father, Robert Christian, is a remarkable story of pioneer grit in Western Queensland, told with first-rate literary skill. It is of interest to note that Mr. Christian was for long a Fellow of the Institute and that his biographer is also a member. If one did not know that his adventures and his trials, his success in winning through to prosperity, and his influence over the natives, with Barney to play the part of a Friday to Christian in his loneliness at Lammormoor, were all true, one might easily imagine half the volume were the outcome of combined imagination and knowledge of conditions in the heart of Queensland sixty years ago. The book is not only the story of a great life; it affords a vivid insight into the question of the aborigines, and it is an illuminating sidelight on the development of a State of the Australian Commonwealth.

Rout, Ettie A., (Mrs. Hornbrook). Native Diet. Heinemann. 6s.

Sir William Arbuthnot Lane writes a preface to this book and draws attention to the practical form of many native recipes as well as to the benefit to be derived from the study of the native diet of the Maoris and other natives. The book has been written at the request of the New Health Society, and is of value to the general public as well as others.

The Economic Resources of the Empire. Edited by T. Worswick. Pitman. 5s.

The Imperial Conference of last year passed with comparatively little interest in Great Britain, notwithstanding the importance of some of its resolutions, and the lectures published in this volume are the outcome of the economic side of the Conference. They were delivered at the Regent Street Polytechnic, the director of which edits the book, and their authority and value may be realized from the names of some of the lecturers—Lord Morris on Newfoundland, Sir William Roy on South Africa, Mr. Gronowsky on Australia, and Mr. H. A. F. Lindsay on India. They cover a wide field in a brief compass. "United Em-

THE PRINTED WORD.

MEANS OF ACCESS TO
 KNOWLEDGE.

Jeffery E. Jeffery (Author of "Escape," "The Burden," "An Octave," "The Longest Shadow," etc.) writes:—

Mr. J. D. Bercsford's "Hampden-shire Wonder" was a child endowed with a brain of such superhuman power that it was capable of absorbing all the accumulated knowledge of mankind, filling in the gaps and arriving at a comprehension of the universe. In the story this child reads through the whole of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" in three weeks and then looks up with a plying smile and says: "Is this all?"

The idea is fantastic, perhaps, and, in a sense, it is terrifying, too. But the episode serves as a reminder that the printed word is still our chief means of access to knowledge. It may not always be so, however, already by planting a pole in the garden and spending a few pounds on an electrical device, we can hear "Red" from Moscow or Wagner from Munich or the Football Results from 2 L.O. according to our taste. Already, from a comfortable seat in a cinema, we can watch the life processes of the British troops at Shanghai, as the fancy takes us. Already television hovers on the brink of becoming what is horribly called a "commercial proposition." But the fact remains that at present the human being who wishes to extend his knowledge of any subject whatsoever must, sooner or later, have recourse to books. This is still the age of the printed word.

That being so, it may seem strange at first that it should have been considered necessary to found an organisation to encourage the British public to read more and with more discrimination. But it must be remembered that although everyone nowadays is taught "to read," only a very small percentage of the population learns the uses—to say nothing of the real pleasures—of reading. Yet these even in this enlightened era of broadcasting and "movies" and picture papers, remain worthy of attention.

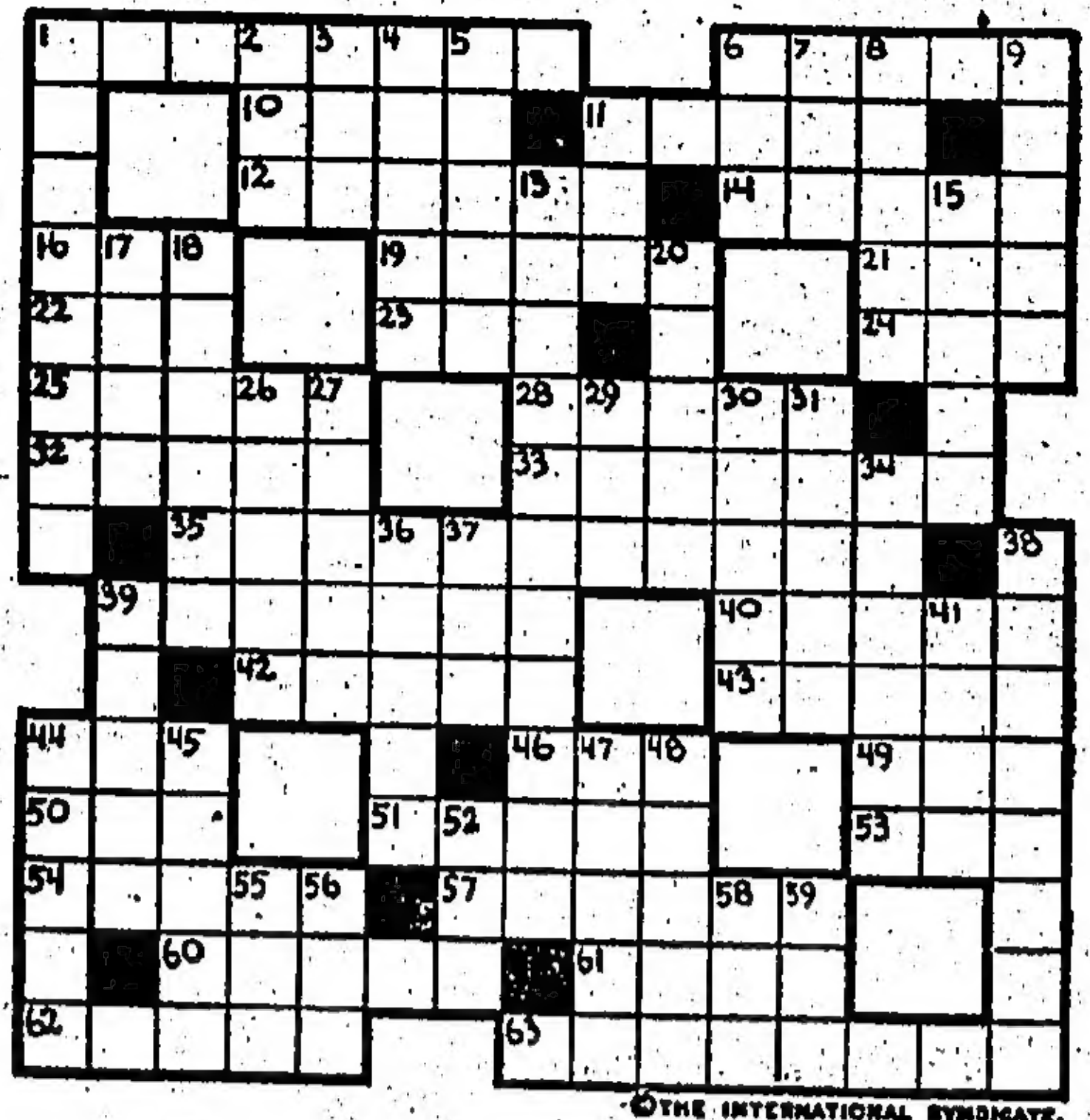
The wiles of the advertiser have made the modern man suspicious-minded. Confronted with a hoarding which imperiously orders him to "Eat More Fruit and Be Fit" he is apt to think: "The fellows that paid for that don't care a bean whether I'm fit or not. They want to sell their apples!" In which surmise he is conceivably right! It follows, therefore, that a national organisation whose slogan, if it had one, might be: "Eat More Fruit—of the Tree of Knowledge," may expect to be looked at askance, at any rate at first. For the tendency of the public will be to say: "This is just a stunt on the part of publishers or booksellers—or both." (It is unlikely that anyone would credit mere authors with the business acumen required for such a co-operative effort!) It is a tendency, however, which can be, and in fact is being, countered. For the organisation is not proceeding on the aggressive lines of the up-to-date advertiser who insists, with mad-dening iteration, that such and such an article is "the best." Assistance, rather than insistence, is its policy.

It is an organisation which deserves the support not only of those directly connected with the production of books but of anyone who has ever derived profit, knowledge, joy, or amusement from books and who is altruistic enough to wish that others may learn to do the same. For that, precisely, is the main object of the organisation—to stimulate public interest in books and to supply would-be readers with information about books and reading. Associate membership, for which anyone is eligible, costs no more than 5s. a year.

The activities of the organisation are already widespread and are too numerous to be considered in detail here. It has arranged lectures all over the country; it is co-operating with Education Authorities, Schools, and Literary Societies; it has enlisted the services of many well-known authors to further its aims; it is instituting local Book Days and Book Weeks at suitable seasons. It has already prepared and distributed upwards of 70 lists

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

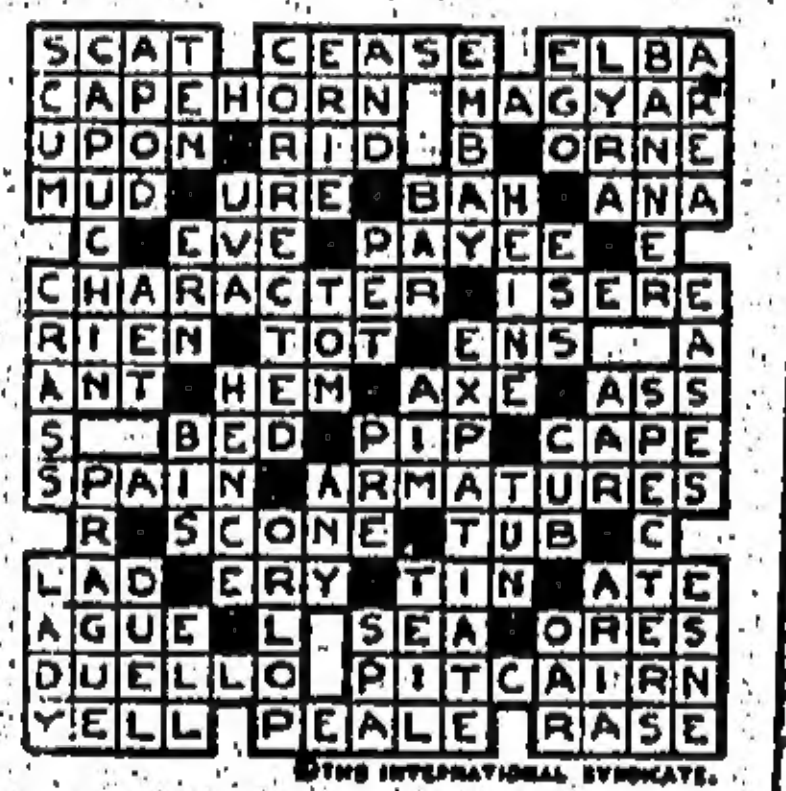
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-What is interpretation of the Bible called? | 46-Paltry | 18-What branch of theology treats of death, resurrection, etc.? |
| 2-Who was the son of King Priam, of Troy? | 47-Mallory | 19-Where was Mohammed born? |
| 3-A famous English school | 48-Interjection | 20-One of the mistle |
| 4-To corrupt | 49-Bait (Latin) | 21-Film |
| 5-A red pigment | 50-Alcoholic liquor | 22-Next (Dial.) |
| 6-Radiant | 51-A river of Spain and Portugal | 23-Quint |
| 7-Short for "Timothy" | 52-Highest note of Guido's scale | 24-What ancient city on the Dead Sea was destroyed by fire for its evil? |
| 8-Malevolent burning of a structure | 53-To emit a perfume | 25-March (Elo.) |
| 9-Of what State is Denver the capital? | 54-To revolve in a spiral | 26-March (Elo.) |
| 10-Man's name | 55-A brother's daughter | 27-What is the capital of S. Australia? |
| 11-A receptacle | 56-What is a man-eating demon (S. S.) | 28-Nothing |
| 12-To place out | 57-Locations | 29-What is the capital of S. Australia? |
| 13-A measure for wood (pl.) | 58-To give energy to | 30-Gold (Latin) |
| 14-Filaments that grow from the skin | | 31-A country of Europe (abbr.) |
| 15-What combining form from the Greek means "vessel or capsule"? | VERTICAL | 32-What is the syllable that receives the stress of voice? |
| 16-What part of London was formerly a refuge for bankrupts? | 1-Anatomy | 33-Of the Great Lakes |
| 17-More name (Italian) | 2-Preloose stone | 34-A river of E. Kansas |
| 18-Same | 3-Quick long E | 35-To make old |
| | 4-Soft drink (pl.) | 36-The lair of an animal |
| | 5-In early Hindu mythology who was the god of rain? | 37-The (French) |
| | 6-What is an inn called in England? | 38-Territory (abbr.) |
| | 7-Concurred | 39-A unit of work and energy |
| | 8-Who wrote "The Miserable and the Miserable"? | |
| | 9-A pointer of a dial | |
| | 10-Away from | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



of books, in print at the present time, on a great variety of subjects. These lists, prepared by acknowledged experts, have been highly appreciated in many different quarters.

The above, it is hoped, is enough to indicate the practical side of the work which this organisation has undertaken. The aim behind that work—to impress upon the consciousness of the nation the fact that books are not a mere luxury or a mere diversion, but an inspiration, an essential education, and an equipment for life that admits of no substitute—is surely a worthy one, linking up naturally with Mr. Keynes's desire to "mobilize a mighty army, outnumbering Frothingblowers and Gungnons and Mustard Clubmen, an army of Bookworms, pledged to spend £10 a year on books and, in the higher ranks of the Brotherhood, to buy a book a week."

A HOBBY.

TRANSLATIONS FROM THE
 RUSSIAN.

Constance Garnett, whose translations from the Russian are among the best in the English language, married Edward Garnett, son of the late Dr. Richard Garnett, of the British Museum, and David Garnett, author of "Lady Into Fox," "The Sailor's Return," and "Go She Must," is her son. She learnt Russian in 1891, and published her first

translation, "Goncharov: A Common Story," in 1894. This was followed by Tolstoy's "The Kingdom of God is Within You," "Anna Karenina," and "War and Peace," and the novels of Turgenev. Her eyesight troubled her during 1908, and since then her work has been mostly done through a reader reading aloud the Russian which she translates. She has translated all the novels and tales of Turgenev and of Dostoevsky, most of those of Tolstoy, the plays and tales of Gogol, and the memoirs of Herzen. Mrs. Garnett has twice stayed in Russia. For one who spends most of her time translating the disturbing works of restive Russian geniuses, Mrs. Garnett's hobby, gardening, seems surprisingly mild. She is, too, a pacifist and a member of the I.L.P.

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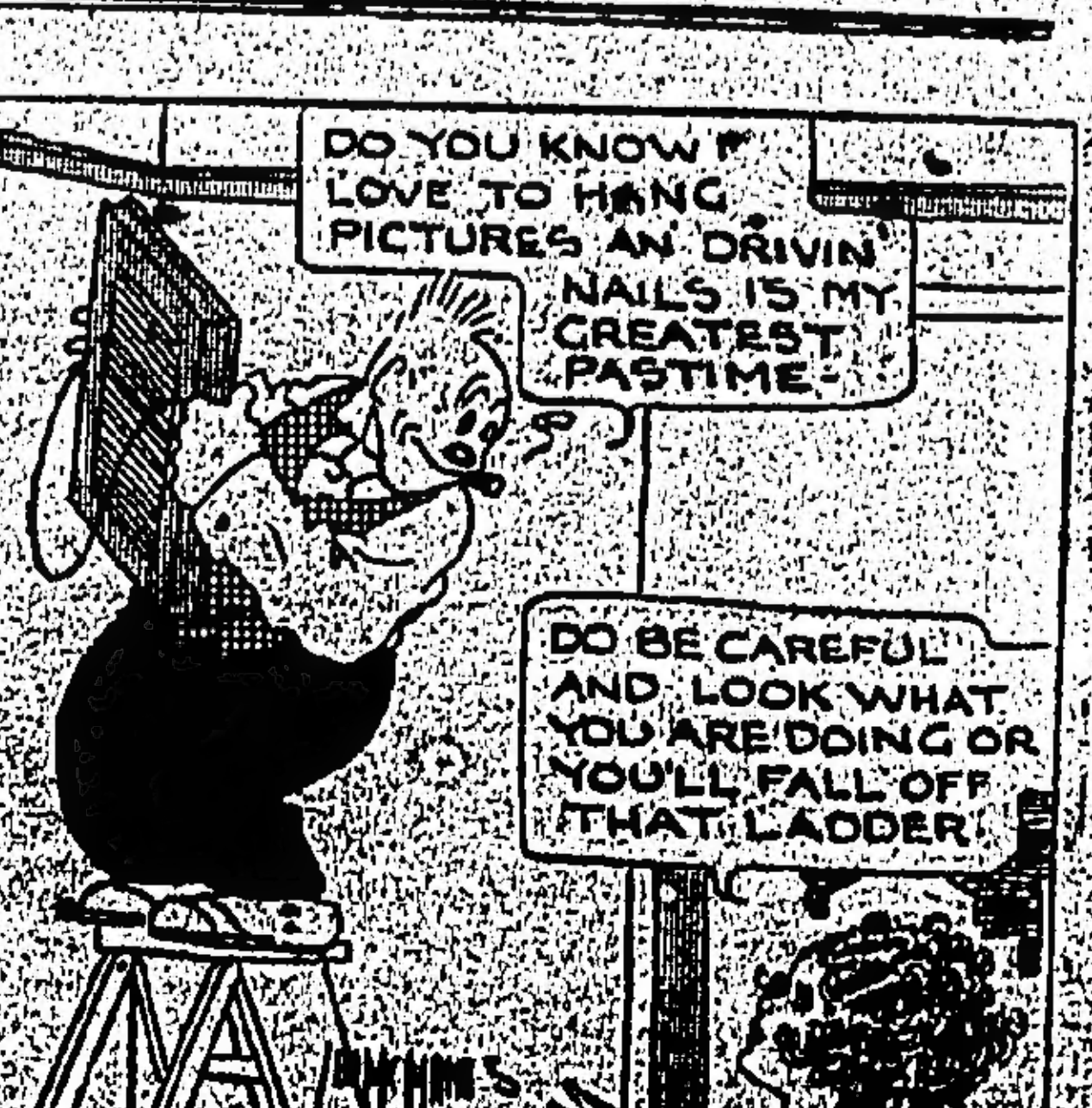
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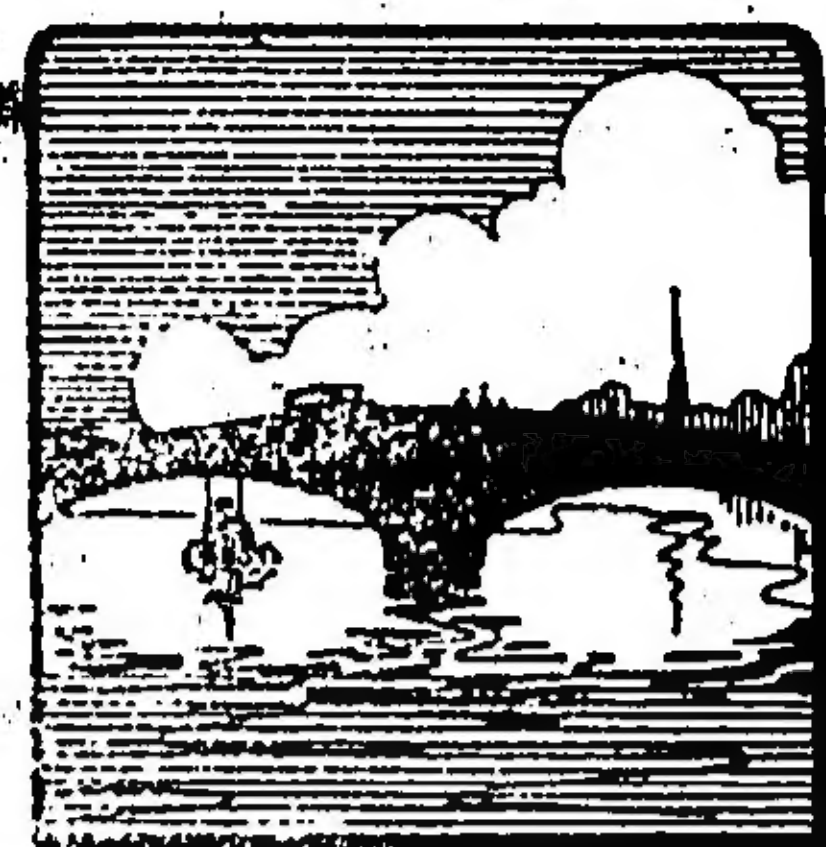


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WOMEN'S FRANCHISE PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO COMMISSION.

APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

Representatives from practically all the communities in the Island were present at a meeting of Ceylon women in the G. F. S. Hall to discuss the question of female franchise.

Lady Bandaranaike presided. Mrs. E. R. Tambimuttu proposed "That the women of Ceylon unite together to ensure the franchise being granted to them under the forthcoming reforms; and that this union be called the 'Ceylon Women's Franchise Union'."

Mrs. George E. de Silva seconded the resolution, which was carried. The following office-bearers were elected:—

President:—Lady Dias Bandaranaike.
Vice-Presidents:—Mrs. W. A. de Silva and Mrs. E. R. Tambimuttu.
Committee:—(Dr.) Mrs. Rutnam, (Dr.) Mrs. Nallamma Sathiyavagiswara, Mrs. S. W. Illangakoon, Mrs. C. H. Joffe, Miss Hornby, Mrs. E. O. Felsing, Mrs. R. Grenier, Miss Violet Baya, Mrs. M. A. Arundandan, Mrs. C. H. Z. Fernando, Mrs. R. S. S. Gunewardene, Mrs. T. H. Vethanatham, Mrs. I. David, Mrs. A. E. Goonesinghe, Mrs. Copleston Dias-Bandaranaike, Mrs. Lionel Fonseka, Mrs. Lionel de Silva.
Hon. Treasurer:—Mrs. A. C. G. Wijeyekoon.

Hon. Secretaries:—Dr. Nallamma Sathiyavagiswara, Mrs. Geo. E. de Silva, Mrs. D. M. Gunasekera.

Women's Interests. Mrs. Rutnam declared that the women of Ceylon of all nationalities had now organised and united for the purpose of gaining the franchise. She urged that all should pull together for a common object. The time had come when the women of Ceylon had begun to take an interest in public affairs.

All the world over women were coming forward into public affairs, not because they did not feel that home was the first place, but because they felt that home came first. They had to broaden their interests. Those who had children had to look after their children, not only at home, but they had also to send them to school, and they should take a deep interest in the education system in the Island. They should also take into consideration the health and sanitary conditions of the city in which they lived. There were many problems that related to women and their homes and their children. There were the children of others as well—in the slums and in the city—and they could not help stretching out a hand to those who were less fortunate than themselves.

She thought that the wonderful way in which child welfare work had taken a hold of the women of the world and of the women of Colombo showed that women were awake to the broader interests which were definitely women's interests. Many laws in the country related to women and children, and it was only right that they should have some say in those laws.

When she came to Ceylon about thirty years ago there were hardly any organisations for women. It had been very interesting to see the manner in which women had broadened their interests, and she believed that the time had come when they should have some voice in matters of public interest. They would, of course, be novices at the start and they would probably have heaps to learn. Much of the proceedings even of the present meeting could no doubt be criticised, but everybody made mistakes at the beginning.

They wanted an expression of opinion from the women assembled there in regard to the question of electoral qualifications. That would enable them to draft a resolution to be placed before Government and the Special Commission. They also wished to appoint a small Committee to meet the Commissioners, if requested to do so. She moved that they should submit for the consideration of the Special Commission and Government the extension of the franchise to women on the following bases—age, property and wage-earning and educational qualifications.

It had been suggested that the age qualification should be 25 years. The property qualification which was suggested was Rs. 10,000 in a woman's right with a simple standard of literacy. Wage-earners should be in receipt of a monthly salary of Rs. 100.

The other qualifications proposed were for graduates in any university in the British Empire, graduates in the Ceylon Medical and Law Colleges, and those holding first-class trained teachers' certificates.

Some were of opinion that those qualifications were rather high. It was possible to make them lower and include a larger number of women. She, however, thought it might be wiser in the first instance to limit the franchise to the better educated and better qualified women and later broaden it out to include others. Mrs. Rutnam concluded by declaring: "We want the power to vote and to be elected members of local boards and municipalities, and even of the Legislature in days to come." (Loud applause).

"Jealous Husbands."

Mrs. (Dr.) Sathiyavagiswara Iyer said that some fallacies appeared to have crept into the minds of the people of the country, as regards the question of the franchise for women. It had been stated that the women of Ceylon had just begun to ask for the franchise. She wished to point out that as early as 1919 when the National Congress was started under the Presidency of Sir P. Arunachalam, a man of vision and wisdom, the question of women's franchise was brought forward and she had the pleasure of proposing a resolution at that Congress. It was passed with great enthusiasm, and similar resolutions had been passed at every session of Congress. It might be that in recent years the Congress had changed its policy in many ways and she did not agree with their policy, but on this question she was glad to find that the Congress was still ready to give them a helping hand.

Mr. G. A. Wille, the other day, had said that the women of Ceylon did not deserve the franchise because they had not asked for it and were not asking for it even now. She did not know whether Mr. Wille wanted the women of Ceylon—the Eastern women—Hindus and Mohammedans—to go about smashing windows and breaking chairs. They had put their trust in the chivalry of the men of the East and they now asked Congress to keep their promise and help them to get that privilege, which was really their right.

When Ceylon was asking for self-Government, the women asked to join hands with the men and to help them manage their own affairs. At the Tamil conference held recently there was a resolution asking that the franchise be granted to women, and it would have been carried unanimously if not for the presence of the youth who burst out of his shell and opposed it; and then also the venerable knight of three score years and ten thought that the purity, the nobility, the wisdom and the modesty of womenkind would be marred if they were given the franchise. Evidently that youth and that venerable knight were very jealous husbands.

Womanhood Insulted.

Mrs. Geo. E. de Silva said that as an "illiterate woman" she wished to say a few words. They did not intend to emulate Mrs. Jellaby in Dickens's novel and reserve their homes for the god of politics. What they wanted was the right to exercise the vote once in three or five years. Why should Ceylon be one of the few countries in the world which insulted its womanhood by denying her the privilege which every civilised country had accorded to its women. Women had proved that they were the equal of men. Why should they be silent while some narrow-minded and selfish men said that they were illiterate. The Tamil Knight had referred to "throwing pearls before swine," but he seemed to forget that in that instance the swine were men. Good pearls could not be crushed even by men. She thought, after all, that men regarded them as their household goods and chattels. They were not so ignorant of the political life of the country as people seemed to think. They could help men in 101 problems of daily life, and they knew how to choose the best men. Large numbers of male voters spoil their ballot papers at elections because they were illiterates.

Why should the only blot on the Island be the unintelligent and illiterate women? It was their duty to wipe out that blot. Co-operation was the great cry of the country and the Government: what stronger co-operation could there be than between man and woman on an intellectual basis? There would have been a larger gathering of women present but for the fact that there were too many obedient wives who would not go against the wishes of their masters.

The Qualifications. It was decided after considerable discussion that the age qualification should be 25;

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A curious fact is that the ornament has an association with a pendant acquired by the late Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, now in the Metropolitan Museum at New York.

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Bangkok	10 a.m.	Orja
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Bangkok via Swatow	10 a.m.	Kelgan.
Swatow, Amoy & Fookchow	10 a.m.	Hozan Maru.
Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	10 a.m.	Talkwa Maru.
Swatow, Amoy & Fookchow	10 a.m.	Hai Hong.
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CHRISTMAS STORMS.

Extraordinary Situation at Home.

ROADS THROUGH DRIFTS.

Fire Brigade Unable To Get Through Snow Block.

Rugby, Yesterday. The extraordinary state of affairs created by the Christmas storms and snow has to some extent been alleviated to-day, but communications are still seriously affected.

Most railway services are almost normal again, but delays are still caused by frozen points and signals, whilst some lines are still blocked by snow drifts.

Several of the principal roads cut of London are still blocked by the snow drifts. One of the deepest of these is on the Sevenoaks Road, where the barrier is 14 feet thick. On some roads that were impassable yesterday passages have been cut through the drifts, and in this way communication between London and the isolated city of St. Albans was restored to-day.

The fire brigade from Bishops Cleeve was trying to reach the burning mansion known as Standon Lodge, famous as the residence of the Duke of Wellington after his victory at Waterloo, but was unable to get through the snow block. Another fire brigade from Ware succeeded in reaching the mansion after digging its way for over a mile through snow drifts several feet high. The mansion was badly damaged.

In the English Channel a great gale is still raging. There have been again to-day no steamer services between Dover and Calais, but the Southern Railway decided that it would be safe to permit two steamers to resume of Folkestone-Boulogne service. The steamer "Engadine," however, after landing 650 passengers at Folkestone, was found to be unfit to return to Boulogne and will be out of commission for a week.

The Southern Railway Co. announces that its steamer "Maid of Kent" was also damaged in trying to leave Dover yesterday. It is intimated that for some days normal cross-Channel services will be impossible. The services between Newhaven and Dieppe and Southampton and Le Havre have, however, continued.

All aeroplane services from Croydon to the Continent are still suspended. One aeroplane arrived to-day at Lympne from Ostend, but there have been no departures from Lympne.

The River Thames is in flood at many points, bungalows being in some places deeply submerged and the inhabitants having to employ boats for the purposes of communication.

Telegraph and telephone lines have been largely restored, but 183 trunk lines are still down, and 3,600 lines of private subscribers in the London area are still out of order. It is now possible to telephone to Paris again after two days' break. — British Wireless Service.

Blizzard on Continent.

A sharp frost, following the partial thaw of last night, has again made the London streets dangerous slippery, and as a result the L.C.C. ambulances dealt with about fifty cases of accidents due to falls.

Meanwhile the Thames, swollen with melting snows, is rising hourly, and great damage from flooding has been done in Canterbury and Maidstone.

The blizzard has now passed over to the Continent and heavy damage from flood and snow is reported from France, Belgium, Spain, Poland and Greece.—Reuter.

Train Collision.

Budapest, Yesterday. Many passengers were injured as a result of a goods train colliding with the Budapest-Bucharest express, which was held up near Kolozsvar as a result of severe frost affecting the railway lines.—Reuter.

INDIANS DROWNED.

Santiago, Yesterday. Eighty Araucano Indians, including many women and children, are reported drowned in crossing the River Cañon on horseback. They missed the ford which had been swept away by the current.—Reuter's American Service.

GOLD RESERVES.

International Pooling Suggested.

MAINTENANCE OF PRICES.

Professor's Cure For Business Depressions.

Washington, Yesterday. Addressing the American Economics Association Professor L. D. Edie, of Chicago University, suggested an international pooling of gold reserves as a cure for business depressions which, he argued, was due to under-production of new gold. Such a plan would involve the establishment of a "Gold League of Nations." The Professor pointed out that the production of new gold had been falling off below 2.7 per cent. per annum, and it was necessary to maintain a stable price level during a considerable period.—Reuter's American Service.

SENATORS BARRED.

DEVELOPMENTS IN CONGRESS DISPUTE.

Oklahoma City, Yesterday. Under orders to "disperse the mob" the State troops this afternoon barred the members of Oklahoma's self-convened senate from the senate chamber of the Capitol and thus prevented a meeting to consider the impeachment of Governor Johnston. Later, however, a quorum of 24 members met in a hotel and barred a resolution to the effect that Senate was not answerable to any other state court for their activities in impeachment matters.—Reuter's American Service.

"GOODWILL" TRIP.

LINDBERGH TOURING IN AMERICA.

Guatemala City, Yesterday. Lindbergh has arrived from Mexico City, from which city he took off at dawn on the first stage of a Central American "goodwill" flight.

Mexico City, Yesterday. Immediately after Lindbergh's departure Mrs. Lindbergh returned by air to Detroit.—Reuter's American Service.

NOT WANTED.

RUSSIAN WITHOUT A PASSPORT.

JAIL AND DEPORTATION.

Before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, Sub-Inspector Elston charged a Russian named Alexander N. Tkatchuk with having arrived in the Colony without a passport. The man, who had come down from Canton, had previously been in the Colony, when he was committed to the House of Detention and subsequently deported. He came back on November 30 last, since which date he had been in the Government Civil Hospital undergoing free treatment for a disease contracted outside the Colony. The Magistrate passed sentence of four weeks' hard labour, after which the accused will again be deported.

ARMED ROBBERY.

SHOP ENTERED IN A VILLAGE.

OWNER WOUNDED.

In connection with an armed robbery at Tai-O particulars of the affair were contained in this morning's Police reports.

According to the manager of the Kam Lee grocery shop in Muiwan village, Tai-O, he and his assistants were asleep at about 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday when they were awakened by knocks on the shop door. When the manager inquired who the visitor was, he was told that it was a hungry man who wanted to buy some cakes.

When the master opened the door seven men rushed into the place. One man, who was armed with a firewood chopper, struck a blow on the master's head, causing a slight wound. Then the robbers easily overpowered the other people in the shop, and, ransacking the place, stole money and some cakes and sausages valued at \$10.60.

All seven men made good their escape.

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CHECKING CRIME WAVE.

Shanghai Ordinance Outlines Numerous Offences.

An important notice has been issued by the Shanghai Provisional Court in which the newly enacted Ordinance for the suppression of robbery, insurgency and brigandage, was proclaimed to be enforced henceforth in the International Settlement and the general public was strongly urged to lend their help to and to co-operate with the authorities in their supreme effort to stamp out the crime wave in Shanghai.

It will be recalled that the extraordinary increase of armed robbery and abduction cases during the recent months has convinced the judges that the existing Criminal Code, which was enacted under peaceful conditions, is no longer capable to cope with the present abnormal situation, because the penalties provided therein are found inadequate to be deterrent to these categories of crimes especially in this part of the country, where criminal facilities are usually greater than in the interior or other commercial ports.

The President of the Shanghai Provisional Court in voicing the public opinion of the Settlement has, accordingly, deemed it necessary to petition the Nationalist Government, sometime ago and prayed for enactment of a new bandit law.

Punished By Death.

The Ordinance states inter-alia. Death for kidnapping any person for ransom; depositing any explosives or despatching any threatening letter; manufacturing, keeping or possessing any explosive with intent to disturb public peace and order; several persons gathering together and seizing by force any arms, ammunition, vessels, provisions; persons occupying any hilly or watery regions against the Government troops; inciting any person to disturb public peace with violence; defeated or straggling soldiers who commit armed robbery; armed smugglers of opium; numbers who commit any robbery; armed kidnapping of any prisoner; leader and instigator of prisoners gathering; committing robbery, causing death or grievous harm to any person, or causing injury to two or more persons; persons gathering together to commit armed robbery or piracy; raping women; destroying by fire.

SOVIET AT GENEVA.

NO PERMIT FOR OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY.

Geneva, Yesterday. The Swiss Federal Council has announced that it will not permit the establishment of an official Soviet news agency at Geneva, but that it cannot refuse the presence of the ordinary journalist at Geneva who is merely exercising his profession, as long as he does not act as an observer or in an official or semi-official capacity.—Reuter.

BOMBING OUTRAGE.

ECHO OF SACCO TRIAL AT BUENOS AIRES.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday. The bomb explosions are attributed to Sacco-Vanzetti sympathisers. The 19 injured include four women one of whom is Mrs. Emmeline Beams, who is English. It is believed that the perpetrators of the outrage passed the guards carrying bombs disguised as Christmas parcels. Seventy arrests have been made, but hitherto the culprits have not been discovered.—Reuter.

AFGHAN AMIR.

DECORATION FROM KING OF EGYPT.

Rugby, Yesterday. A message from Cairo states that King Fuad of Egypt has conferred the Order of Mohamed Ali, the highest in his gift, on the Amir of Afghanistan.—British Wireless Service.

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